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**Oregon workers to be remembered April 28**  
*Workers' Memorial Day to be observed with the reading of names*

Not all families get to experience the safe return of their loved one from work. In 2006, 5,703 people in the United States lost their lives in job-related accidents, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA), a division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, urges all Oregonians to honor those workers who died on the job on Workers' Memorial Day.

The statewide observance of Workers' Memorial Day is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2008 at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW Local 48) at 15937 NE Airport Way in Portland. The memorial service, coordinated by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, will feature a reading of the names of Oregon workers who died on the job in 2007.

"Workers' Memorial Day reminds us that each name represents an individual whose dreams were cut short," said Michael Wood, administrator of Oregon OSHA. "This day provides a moment for us to join their friends and families in remembering those workers and acknowledge we have not reached a stopping point; we can still make the workplace safer."

The annual Workers' Memorial Day on April 28 serves as a nationwide day of remembrance. It recognizes the thousands of U.S. workers who die each year on the job, and the more than 1 million people in the United States who are injured each year while at work. The observance is held on April 28 because on that date in 1970, Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Through a partnership of labor, business, and government working together to improve workplace safety and health conditions in Oregon, the number of fatal workplace incidents eligible for workers' compensation benefits have been cut by roughly three-quarters since the Oregon Safe Employment Act was enacted in 1973.

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Oregon OSHA, a division of the Department of Consumer & Business Services, enforces the state's workplace safety and health rules and works to improve workplace safety and health for all Oregon workers. For more information, go to [www.orosha.org](http://www.orosha.org). The Department of Consumer and Business Services is Oregon's largest business regulatory and consumer protection agency. For more information, visit [www.dcbs.oregon.gov](http://www.dcbs.oregon.gov).