

Introduction and Summary

The following report is the culmination of many months worth of data collection, analysis, and discussion by the staff of the Ohio University Department of Safety and Risk Management. The data that we've collected and organized speaks for itself, but we've highlighted some of the most outstanding points. We intend to demonstrate that:

- **There are many preventable workplace injuries occurring at Ohio University;**
- **There is a high a cost associated with those workplace injuries, not only in terms of a high monetary cost to the University and a decrease in overall workforce productivity, but also in terms of human suffering and alteration of lifestyles;**
- **The culture at Ohio University does not place enough emphasis on incident and injury prevention;**

One of the values of Ohio University must be to provide a safe working and living environment for employees, students and visitors by eliminating unsafe acts and conditions whenever possible while promoting safe work practices.