

OSHA Recordkeeping – Annual Reminder

February 1st is the deadline to tabulate the Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (NJOSH-300).

The Summary Log (NJOSH-300A) must be posted in a visible area for each establishment, where notices to employees are posted, from February 1 to April 30 of each year.

New Jersey requires all public employers to **record** occupational injuries and illnesses. In addition, certain serious injuries must be **reported** directly to New Jersey PEOSH within specified timeframes. The complete rules for recording and reporting injuries can be accessed at <http://nj.gov/health/peosh/record.shtml>

Recording of Occupational Injuries

There are two important forms for the recording of injuries. The *Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (NJOSH-300)* is a listing of work-related injuries and illness that is maintained throughout the year. Injuries and illnesses are entered into the *Log* within 7 days of being notified of the injury / illness. Five years of *NJOSH-300 Logs* must be readily available to NJPEOSH inspectors. The second form is the annual summary of work-related injuries, *NJOSH 300A Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses*. This summary is posted at each work establishment from February through April.

‘Work-related’ is defined as any event or exposure in the work environment either causing or contributing to the resulting condition, or significantly aggravating a pre-existing injury or illness. ‘Work-related’ is presumed for injuries and illnesses resulting from events occurring in the work environment, unless an exception given in OSHA 1904.5(b)(2) applies. Recordable work-related injuries and illnesses are those that result in:

- Death or loss of consciousness
- Days away from work, placement on restricted work activity, or a job transfer
- Medical treatment beyond first aid

Public employers must also record the following conditions if they have been determined to be work-related:

- Any needle stick injury or cut from an object that is contaminated with a potentially infectious material
- Any case requiring an employee to be medically removed under an OSHA health (chemical) standard
- A tuberculosis infection as evidenced by a positive skin test or diagnosis by a physician
- An employee’s audiogram reveals a specified hearing Standard Threshold Shift in one or both ears

Reporting of Serious Occupational Injuries to NJPEOSH

New Jersey Public Employers must report fatalities to NJPEOSH **within eight (8) hours** of the occurrence, and report work-related hospitalizations, amputations, or loss of an eye within **24 hours** by calling the 24-hour hotline (800) 624-1644 or the 24-hour fax line (609) 292-3749. Refer to the decision-making flow chart on page 2.

Links to additional resources

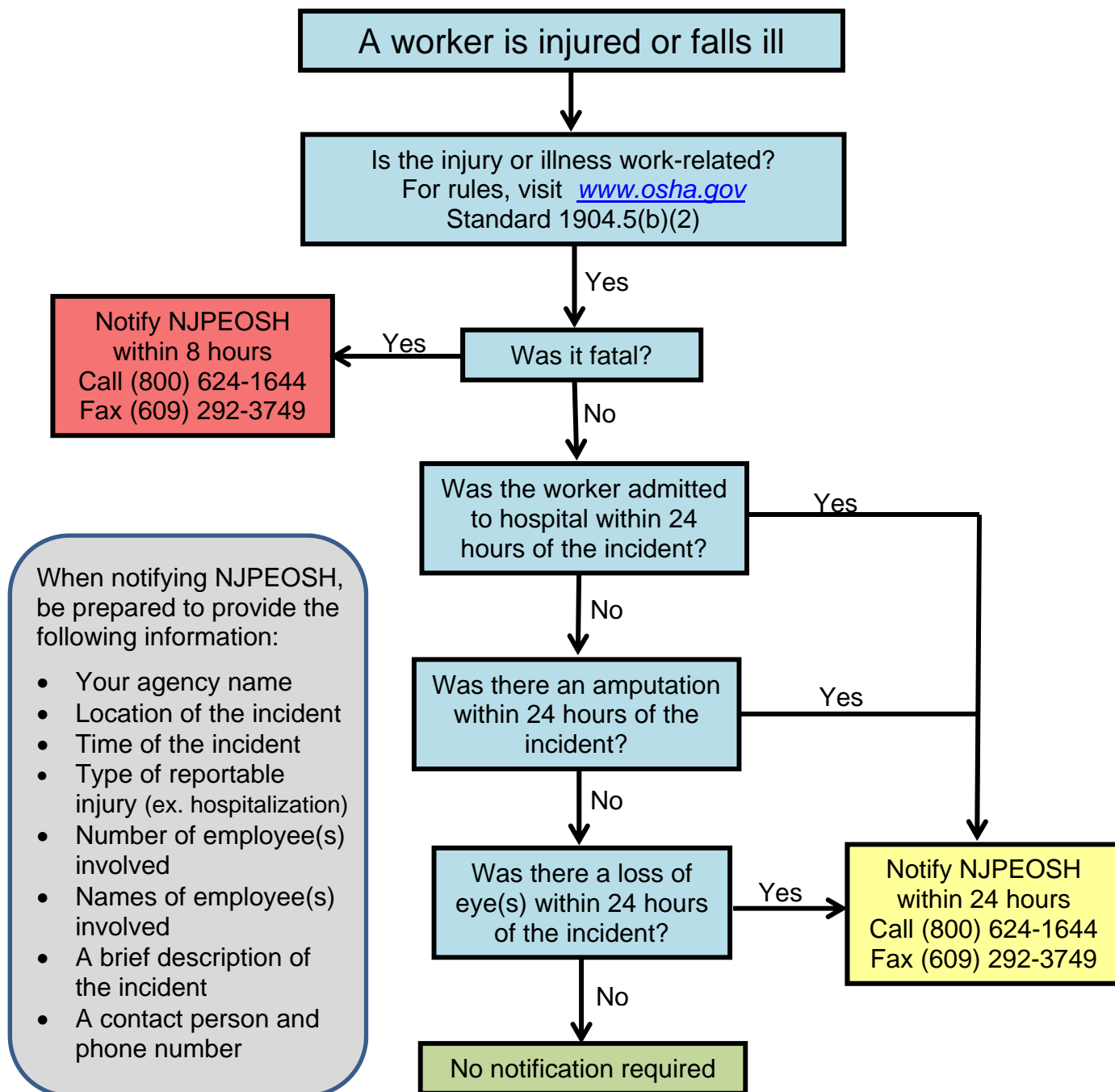
NJPEOSH 16-page guide to Recording and Reporting of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses is available at http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/forms_pdfs/lse/NJOSH300.pdf

NPEOSH revised their Public Employee Alert #27 to reflect the new reporting regulations. It is available at http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/forms_pdfs/lse/Alert27.pdf.

Now is also a good time to verify the PEOSH poster is posted. A copy can be downloaded at http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/forms_pdfs/lse/wps35.pdf

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NJPEOSH 2015 Injury Reporting Requirements



Notes:

- OSHA defines amputation as the traumatic loss of a limb or external body part, including a part, such as a limb or appendage, that has been severed, cut off (either completely or partially); fingertip amputations with or without bone loss; medical amputations resulting from irreparable damage; amputations of parts that have been reattached. Amputations do not include avulsions, enucleations, degloving, scalping, severed ears, or broken or chipped teeth.
- If a motor vehicle accident occurs in a construction work zone, you must report the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye. If the motor vehicle accident occurred on a public street or highway, but not in a construction work zone, you do not have to report the fatality, hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye.
- A work-related fatality or in-patient hospitalization caused by a heart attack must be reported