A manager noticed that employees in one work area had more skin rashes in the past year than the year before. He wanted to know why...

We have an agency set up by our government, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), to identify and investigate situations where workers are possibly exposed to hazardous materials or harmful conditions. But how does NIOSH know what to be concerned about?

One way is that we—the workers—help them. NIOSH’s Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) program can produce information that may inform regulations or reveal needs and directions for future research.

An HHE is initiated by a written request from an employer, an employee, or a union. NIOSH’s response to the request may take the form of a letter, a phone consultation, or a full worksite visit that might also involve occupational health training.

The result? the detection of emerging hazards and valuable information that can be shared through articles, special alerts, websites, and other media.

NIOSH (Health Hazard Evaluations) - [www.cdc.gov/niosh/hhe/](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/hhe/)