

OPIOIDS AND THE WORKPLACE

PREVENTION AND RESPONSE



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THE REALITY OF OPIOID USE IN THE WORKPLACE

- About **187 people die every day** from opioid overdoses.
- In a **two-year period**, more than **3,300 workers died** from opioid overdoses in Massachusetts alone.
- Work-related **injury, pain and stress** are all pathways to **opioid use, misuse and addiction**.
- There is an **urgent need** to train workers and employers on **how to prevent and respond** to opioid-related issues.
- **"Every Second Counts":**
Learn how to spot an overdose and use naloxone.



"OPIOIDS AND THE WORKPLACE: PREVENTION AND RESPONSE" is a training that addresses the impact of the opioid crisis on workers, the workplace and the community. it uses the public health model focusing on workplace injury prevention, access to appropriate treatment for injured workers, and access to support for treatment or recovery.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

This curriculum provides awareness-level training to workers and employers about occupational risk factors for opioid use, misuse and addiction.

- The training is designed as a one-hour interactive course.
- It includes small-group activities and hands-on training on the use and administration of naloxone (often known by the brand name Narcan). Associated materials include fact sheets, a resource list and activity worksheets.

The course concludes with action planning so that participants and local unions can begin outlining next steps, including a summary of key elements of a recovery-friendly workplace.

SCHEDULE TRAINING NOW!

Set up training for your affiliate today. Send an email request to 4healthandsafety@aft.org.

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