



New York Committee for Occupational
Safety & Health



Who are we?

- The New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH) is a non-profit, membership organization of workers, unions, community-based organizations, workers' rights activists, and health and safety professionals.
- Founded in 1979 on the principle that workplace injuries, illnesses and deaths are preventable, NYCOSH works to extend and defend every person's right to a safe and healthy workplace.
- Uses training, education, and advocacy to improve health and safety conditions in our workplaces, communities, and environment.

What do we do?

- Advocacy
- Construction safety trainings
- NY Nail Salon Worker School
- Industrial Hygiene
- Case management
- Assistance for 9/11 Responders and Workers
- Health and safety trainings

All to say...dozens of partnerships!

Partnership

- NYC Transit Authority
 - Busiest and largest transit system in the U.S.
 - 8 million rides daily
- NYCOSH been in partnership for nearly 30 years
 - Hazardous Waste Worker Training Program
 - RCRA & SARA Title III
- Currently provide upwards of 30 trainings per year

Challenges

- Giant agency with frequent turnover
 - Unclear who is point of contact
 - Lack of communication between internal staff
- Lack of resources
 - Disorganization
 - Small class sizes
 - Delayed tech advancements
 - Difficulty with reporting requirements

Strategies for co-existing

“Overcoming” challenges is a lofty goal. Let’s focus on moving towards a common goal.

1. Set ground rules
 - Discuss your expectations for the partnership regularly
 - Develop a written rulebook
2. Keep communication flowing regularly
 - Don’t be strangers
3. Know your point people
 - Designate one “go-to” person
 - Confirm you’ve got the right person
 - Don’t make assumptions people talk to each other in your partner’s agency
4. Get and give feedback regularly
5. Be flexible