



CAREER PROFILE

General Supervisor for Health and Safety Services

OVERVIEW

General Supervisors for Health and Safety Services are creative, observant, problem-solving professionals with outstanding communication skills. They are passionate about maintaining the health and safety of their fellow workers. They supervise testing, inspections, and formal evaluations of workplace environments, procedures, and practices, and draft written reports of their findings. They design procedures to ensure workers are protected from potential hazards and design training programs for workers on how to follow these procedures to be safe in the workplace. General Supervisors for Health and Safety Services investigate events that led to workplace injuries and formulate solutions for preventing repeated incidents. They assess factors that can contribute to safety and health issues, including lighting, equipment failures, and ventilation systems. Finally, General Supervisors for Health and Safety Services oversee first aid services at workplaces. They ensure coworkers are familiar with first aid procedures, designate employees who will administer first aid, and ensure first aid equipment and services are compatible with the specific needs of the workplace.

EVALUATE YOUR INTEREST

I am a strong written and verbal communicator who enjoys both writing reports and teaching my peers.

I am a problem-solver. I have a knack for asking smart questions that help others identify problems and issues. I work with others to formulate solutions to problems.

I am highly observant and notice potential issues before they become major problems.

I understand the meaning and importance of complicated rules and procedures. I am effective at communicating information about complicated rules and procedures to others.

I have a passion for the health and well-being of others, and am interested in figuring out ways to make people safe in challenging circumstances.

I have a high degree of stamina, don't mind walking around interacting with people for long periods of time, and relish the thought of traveling to different places.

I am tech savvy, and very interested in using technology to gather information that can be useful to myself and others.

CAREER CONNECTIONS

How does this career affect me?	What are some other similar careers?	How does this career affect the world?
<p>General Supervisors for Health and Safety Services and other occupational safety experts work to ensure that the products you enjoy on a daily basis are made safely. In doing so, they play a leading role in making sure that you and others will enter the workforce with confidence that you will avoid hazards that can cause injuries or illnesses. In addition, workplaces that minimize accidents avoid unwanted costs that can be passed on to consumers.</p>	<p>Construction and building inspectors make sure that construction projects follow rules, regulations, and contract requirements.</p> <p>Environmental Scientists and Specialists use knowledge of science to protect both the environment and the humans who live in it.</p> <p>Fire inspectors conduct inspections of buildings to identify potential fire hazards and ensure they meet local, state, and federal fire regulations.</p> <p>Health and Safety Engineers design systems used in both workplaces and other areas to protect people from injuries and illnesses.</p>	<p>The goods and services people utilize on a daily basis, from automobiles to digital devices to the foods they eat, are often the product of highly complex production processes. General Supervisors for Health and Safety Services are needed to ensure that these processes are safe for workers who labor in all kinds of production facilities. Safe production means a higher quality of life, as it contributes to goods and services that were once unattainable becoming affordable to the average person.</p>

TAKE ACTION

- Select a good or service you utilize on a daily basis, such as your favorite breakfast food, a digital device, or an article of clothing. Conduct research to address these questions: What ingredients or resources are combined to form this item? Where do these come from? Where is the good assembled? From start to finish, what steps lead to the final production of the good? For each step you identify, conduct research on potential workplace hazards and steps public policymakers and firms implement to keep them safe.
- Read books or conduct research on the history of workplace safety in the United States or around the world. What were workplaces like before safety became a priority? What incidents or developments led to improvement? How are workplaces held accountable for being safe in today's world?
- Take a walk around a place that is familiar to you, such as your home or school, and note items that are designed to keep you and others safe. Systems to review include electricity, plumbing, ventilation, or heating and air-conditioning. Identify potential consequences if these systems were not in place.