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### **Useful Electronic Newsletters**

NIOSH publications:

“eNews” (monthly): <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/enews/default.html>

“Research Rounds” (monthly): <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/research-rounds/>

“Science Blog” (variable): <https://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/>

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<https://www.osha.gov/as/opa/quicktakes/subscribe.html>

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European Union OSHA “OSHmail” (monthly):

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