



Benefits of WEC Membership for Unions and Labor Organizations

The New Jersey Work Environment Council (WEC) is New Jersey's leading organization dedicated to winning safe and healthy jobs for all workers. Formed in 1986, WEC is a non-profit alliance of 70+ labor, community, and environmental organizations working for safe, secure jobs and a healthy, sustainable environment.*

Take advantage of WEC membership benefits by calling WEC at (609) 695-7100 or by emailing us at info@njwec.org.

BUILDING ALLIANCES AND PLANNING CAMPAIGNS

Through participating in WEC, your union can gain new allies among environmentalists and community members that can help you win a safer and healthier workplace.



We can work with you to plan a specific campaign, help engage other labor and environmental and community allies, and build broader public support for your goals. WEC has extensive experience building alliances, helping to explain your point of view, and securing media coverage.

EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY

WEC is New Jersey's foremost advocate for strong health and safety laws. Our leadership helped win the *Worker and Community chemical Right to Know Act*, *Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act*, improvements to the *Conscientious Employees Protection Act*, and many other safeguards, including those for indoor air quality in public workplaces and for chemical safety and security. We have also led campaigns to defeat corporate backed legislation and regulatory changes that would degrade our working conditions. Contact WEC if you need lobbying help or allies for a policy campaign.

DYNAMIC SPEAKERS

Each WEC member can request a speaker annually. WEC staff, as well as volunteer experts, including physicians, industrial hygienists, attorneys, and other occupational health and safety professionals, are available to speak on many topics.

EXPERIENCED TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS

WEC offers:

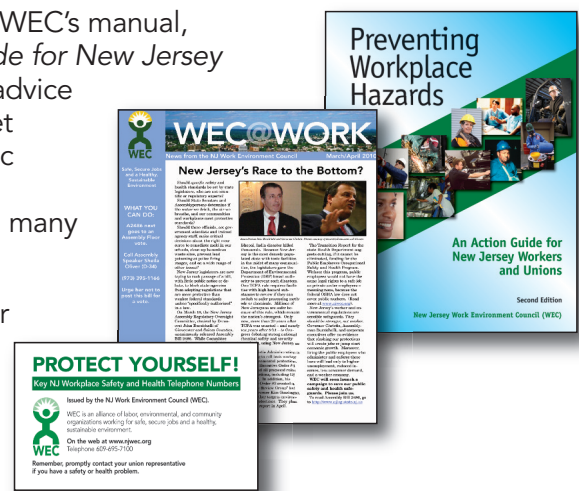
- Consultation on many specific workplace safety and health hazards and on strategies to address them, including involving members, using government agencies (like OSHA or Public Employees OSHA), developing contract proposals, securing media coverage, etc.
- Referrals to occupational health physicians and attorneys.

* While an independent organization, WEC is affiliated with the BlueGreen Alliance (BGA), a national partnership of labor unions and environmental organizations dedicated to expanding the number and quality of jobs in the green economy. WEC is also part of the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health, a collaboration of regional labor-based safety and health organizations.

UNIQUE PUBLICATIONS

Leaders of your organization receive copies of WEC's manual, *Preventing Workplace Hazards: An Action Guide for New Jersey Workers and Unions*, which provides practical advice and resources. We can also provide WEC wallet cards with contact information for OSHA, Public Employees OSHA, and other key government agencies. WEC can also provide fact sheets on many safety and health topics.

Your leaders will also receive *WEC@WORK*, our email bulletin covering critical workplace and environmental issues, six times annually. Your stewards and other leaders can also receive *WEC@WORK*. WEC members also receive timely Action Alerts and program notices.



HIGH QUALITY TRAINING

WEC can provide union-oriented, interactive safety and health training on such topics as:

- How to Use OSHA (or PEOSH) effectively.
- Process safety management (PSM) of high hazard chemicals.
- Hazards in hospitals and nursing homes, including using new state laws to prevent unsafe lifting and violence.
- The union's role in chemical safety and security.
- Hazards facing vulnerable workers, including low-income and new employees.
- Building bridges to the community and environmentalists.

WEC training has received funding from the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SERVICES

Many unions have health and safety experts on their national staff. We encourage you to utilize these resources. When WEC provides industrial hygiene services, such as facility walkthroughs or writing reports, we charge a fee. Please contact us for more information.



Specific industrial hygiene services can include:

- Facility walkthroughs and written reports and recommendations.
- Research on particular hazards.
- Writing of custom materials.
- Testifying in arbitration cases.

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