

Handout 6-1

Dealing with OSHA

1. Federal-OSHA:

- Has the authority to investigate serious accidents and fatalities involving Federal employees.
- Nearly always investigates occupational fatalities of Federal employees.
- Federal OSHA may conduct an independent investigation.

2. Federal-OSHA's mission is to investigate the accident to determine if any OSHA requirements were violated and issue violations to the agency as appropriate. The facts you have gathered during your investigation may be used by Fed-OSHA as material to issue citations.

3. Additional information regarding OSHA can be obtained at: www.osha.gov

DO's	DON'Ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cooperate with OSHA.- Provide an escort to the accident site.- Share Factual Information (Facts).- Provide OSHA a copy of your witness list.- Maintain control of evidence-- offer to make copies for them.- Provide a report of findings upon completion of investigation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do not share conclusions, probable causes, or things people have told you.- Do not share witness statements or interview records (written and/or recorded).- Do not allow OSHA Compliance Officers to participate in interviews.- Don't accept intimidating behavior from OSHA Compliance Officers— contact your agency National Safety Office for assistance.

4. Requests that require approval of the Delegating Official:

- Witness statements
- Release of reports