

**88.16 Training and employee and employer education.**

1. The commissioner shall conduct directly or by contract, educational programs to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to administer this chapter and informational programs on the importance of and proper use of adequate safety and health equipment.

2. The commissioner is authorized to conduct directly or by grants or contracts, short term training of personnel engaged in work related to the commissioner's responsibilities under this chapter.

3. The commissioner shall provide for the establishment and supervision of programs for the education and training of employers and employees in the recognition, avoidance, and prevention of unsafe or unhealthful working conditions in employments covered by this chapter, and consult with and advise employers, employees, and organizations representing employers and employees, as to effective means of preventing occupational injuries and illnesses.

4. Notwithstanding chapter 22, consultation records prepared or obtained by the commissioner pursuant to this section and which relate to specific employers or specific workplaces shall be kept confidential. For purposes of this subsection, "*consultation record*" means a record created when an employer requests and receives from the labor commissioner direct assistance in the recognition and correction of workplace hazards.

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