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## **Oregon OSHA to conduct inspections despite state closures** *Enforcement officers to be in the field Oct. 16 inspecting workplaces*

(Salem) – While state offices will close Oct. 16 for an unpaid furlough day, health and safety inspectors with the Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) will remain on the job as usual.

The closure on Oct. 16 is the first of 10 statewide closure days during the current two-year budget cycle resulting from deep budget cuts approved by the Legislature.

Department of Consumer and Business Services offices will be closed; however, like state police and others who provide essential public safety services, Oregon OSHA enforcement officers will be in the field to inspect workplaces in a wide range of industries. The enforcement staff will take their unpaid furloughs on alternative days.

“We actually expect to have even more people in the field conducting inspections than on a typical day because they won’t be completing reports or doing other work in the office during the closure day,” said Oregon OSHA Administrator Michael Wood. “We want to send a clear message to workers and employers: Oregon OSHA is still on duty.”

Employees who want to file a complaint with Oregon OSHA on a closure day can still do so online at [www.orosha.org](http://www.orosha.org); to report an imminent danger threat, they should call 800-452-0311.

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