

**CSRMA**  
California Sanitation Risk Management Authority



## Did You Know?

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CSRMA Risk Control Online Website:

<http://www.sipeonlinetraining.com/csrma/>

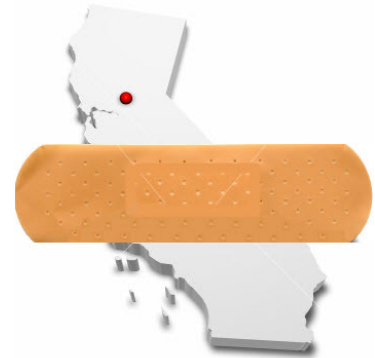
### Fewer Days Away in the *Private Sector*

The California Division of Labor Statistics and Research has released a report indicating a significant decrease in injury and illness cases involving days away from work... in the private sector. The report also shows that State and local governments saw increases.

There was a 10% drop in the number of lost time cases in the private sector contrasted with a 9% increase in local government.

Make sure your agency isn't part of the 9%. Proactive safety programs are the front-line defense by reducing the number and/or severity of injuries.

Also aggressive Return to Work Programs can help reduce the number of lost time days in the event an injury does happen. CSRMA and Risk Control Online have many resources to help agencies address risks that, if left unchecked, are likely to result in injuries. Contact David Patzer at [losscontrol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:losscontrol@sbcglobal.net) for more ideas about how to reduce the number and severity of your lost time cases.



### Generator Revision

In 2008, Cal/OSHA adopted a comprehensive Fed/OSHA update, which led to a revision of Low Voltage Electrical Safety Orders §2395.6. The language in the revision included a grounding exception for portable or vehicle-mounted generators rated not higher than 5 kilowatts.



Stakeholders complained that the wording was unduly restrictive. Due to a slight change in language, the update would effectively define portable and vehicle-mounted generators as being not more than 5 kilowatts. This unintended restriction went beyond the provisions of existing state standards and the counterpart federal standard.

Upon reviewing and researching the Fed/OSHA change, Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board staff determined that the federal omission of the 5 kilowatt generator exception was intentional. The Board therefore ruled to delete the 5 kilowatt generator subsections from the standard.

If you have any questions or need assistance with any of the RCO features contact:

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# More Solutions for Your Agency

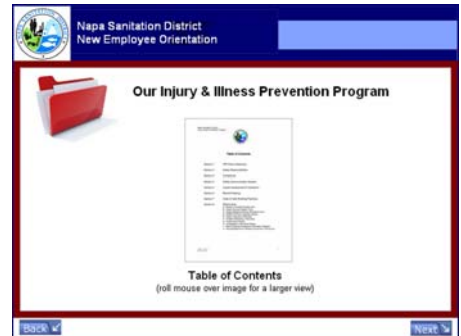
## Customized Computer-Based Training

Streamline your training! Generic web-based training and generic videos cover the content that CalOSHA requires, but you are still obligated to train employees on your site-specific policies and procedures. Our customized computer-based training modules reduce your training burden by including your site-specific information in the same module as the CalOSHA-required content for wastewater agencies. Customized training can include:

- Your agency's name and logo throughout the module
- Photographs of your agency (digital photos provided by you)
- Screenshots of your policies and procedures

Put your employees' training in context by integrating site-specific policies, procedures and images with the CalOSHA-required content.

Topics include all of the subjects listed on the previous page and many other topics such as Confined Space and Bloodborne Pathogens. But you are not limited to our listed topics. We can create customized modules to fulfill any of your agency's training needs. Contact David Patzer at [losscontrol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:losscontrol@sbcglobal.net) for more information about how we can streamline your training efforts.



## Safety Program Management for Small Agencies



My Safety Officer<sup>®</sup> is a new service that addresses the challenge that smaller agencies have in staying on top of their safety programs. If your agency has fewer than 50 employees, you can have a professionally managed safety program without having a dedicated safety officer, hiring expensive consultants, or requiring employees to use complicated web-based systems. This is not a hands-off web-based service. My Safety Officer<sup>®</sup> is managed and operated by real live people providing the hands-on approach small agencies need to be both efficient and effective.

The process is simple, the results are amazing:

- Step 1:** We conduct a needs assessment to determine which Cal/OSHA regulations apply to your agency in general and to which departments specifically. We also identify which programs you have in place and which need to be developed.
- Step 2:** We establish a calendar for your training, safety events and program maintenance.
- Step 3:** We contact you each week and let you know what you need to do to complete your safety program management for the month. You will receive a To Do list and also tools like training sign in sheets pre-populated with the names of the employees who need to attend the training. We will maintain your employee training records, program review records, new employee orientation requirements, and more.

And with My Safety Officer you have access to much more, like one hour per month of "Ask an Expert" for answers to your safety questions, pre-screened trainer referrals, and tailgate training materials. Also, for an additional fee you can get customized safety programs and computer-based training modules.

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