



Your Healthy Workplace

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We're 'hear' to help protect employee hearing

f you no longer hear the bells on Santa's sleigh or his approach across your roof, it may not be an issue of whether you believe in the old man. You may just have hearing loss.

Loss of hearing, in fact, is the third most common chronic physical health condition among adults, after high blood pressure and arthritis, reports the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Among those with hearing difficulty, occupational exposures are the cause for one in four people. About 22 million workers are exposed to hazardous noise on the job each year.

As an employer, you are required to assess your employees' hearing annually and educate them in hearing conservation. Our team of CAOHC-certified hearing conservationists can help you safeguard your employees' hearing and comply with all regulations.

We also can help you identify places at your worksite that have dan-

Schedule our audio unit

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Physicians Quality Care OCCMed

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gerous noise levels so you can safeguard employees with proper hearing protection.

Our audio bus

OCCMed Jackson's state-of-the-art audiometry bus can roll into your parking lot to take care of your OSHA-required hearing conservation training and test 10 people at a time every 20 minutes.

Why choose us?

• We are happy to schedule any shifts you need tested, any time of day. We do the hearing tests when it is most convenient for you.

• CAOHC-certified Occupational Hearing Conservationists, supervised by a medical doctor, conduct all hearing tests.

• Our computer-controlled audiometer exceeds all ANSI S3.6-1989 requirements.

• Test instructions can be given in 11 different languages.

• We provide the required employee notification letters at no additional charge, relieving you of that regulatory burden.

• Because we are local, repeat testing for those with a presumptive STS can be done in our office at the employee's convenience.

• Upon completion of all testing, the data is reviewed, adjusted for age (as required), compared against baseline and finalized. Reports are returned to your designated representative, usually within 72 hours.

Office Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday to Friday Clinic Hours: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. weekdays On-site Services: Available 24/7 by arrangement jennifer@occmedjackson.com | occmedjackson.com

Twas nearly Christmas,

... and all through the place Employees were working at such a fast pace.

Holiday goods were piled with care In hopes all would be finished — no time to spare.

Office folks were working, all snug at their desks, While numbers and profits danced like big checks.

The boss in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap Had just settled our focus to avoid any gaps

When out in the plant, there arose such a clatter; I sprang from my desk to look into the matter.

Away to the plant floor, I flew like a flash, Tore open the door and made a big dash.

Employees were coughing, looking quite sick When I knew what I needed was more than St. Nick.

- I flew to my phone, called Physicians Quality Care
- And knew OCCMed Jackson soon would be there

More rapid than eagles their mobile clinic came; *Continued at bottom ...*





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Director Jennifer called them by name.

Now, Nathan! now, Angel! Aundreia, Rhonda and Kelly!

- On Whitney! On, Janina! On Kim, Ron and Bailey!
- With a wink of their eyes and a nod of their heads
- Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
- They spoke not a word, went straight to patient care, Checked temps, gave

- shots, medicine left nothing to spare.
- When finished with all, they turned with a jerk,
- I knew my employees could finish their work.
- OCCMed folks sprang to their truck, gave out a whistle.
- The clinic vanished like the down of a thistle.

But I heard them exclaim, 'ere they drove out of sight —

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

We speak OSHA!

To help you comply with OSHA, we offer ...

- On-site CAOHCcertified audiometry in
- our mobile unit DOT, non-DOT & hair follicle drug screening
- Breath- & bloodalcohol testing
- Health fairs
- Strength & agility testing
- NIOSH-approved pulmonary function testing

- DOT, wellness & preemployment physicals
- Respirator-fit testing & respirator medical evaluations
- Heavy-metal testing
- Industrial hygiene: noise sampling, air sampling, dust sampling, etc.
- Nerve conduction studies
- X-rays and EKGs

