

Law Enforcement Officer Nonfatal Injury Study

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is conducting a study to understand how on-duty injuries to law enforcement officers occur and how they can be prevented.

About the study:

Who

U.S. law enforcement officers treated in hospital emergency departments (EDs) for on-duty injuries may be contacted to participate in phone interviews.



What

The phone interview asks about the event that sent the officer to the ED, their work experience, and recovery from the injury.



Why

Data collected in this study will be used to understand and prevent injuries to officers, allowing them to safely perform their duties.



Tell your story:

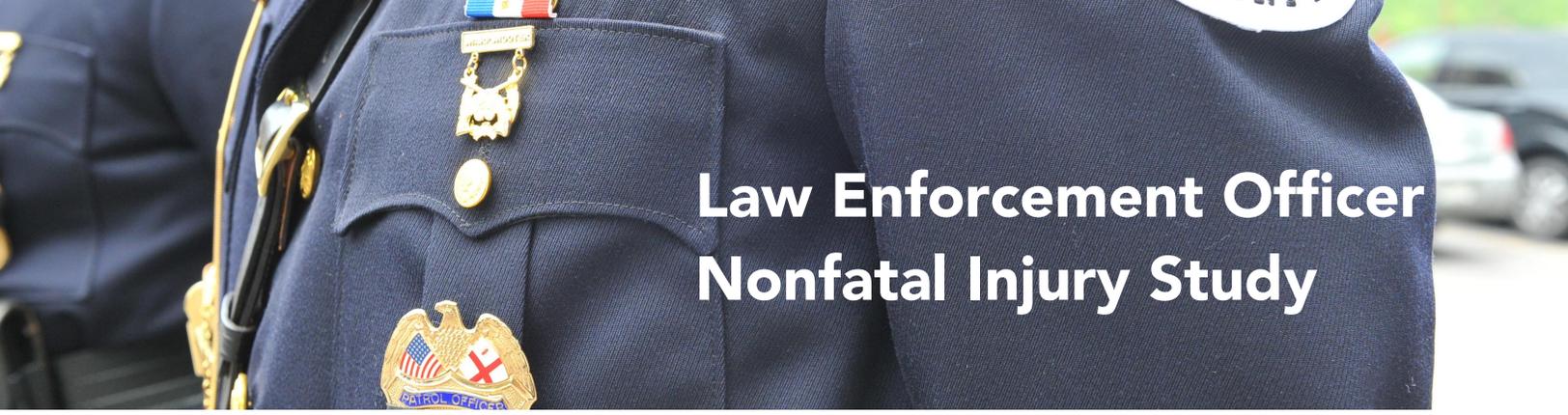
Please participate in the interview if we contact you. This data is crucial to improving officer safety. Multiple steps will be taken to protect privacy. Final study results will not identify individual officers or agencies.

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Law Enforcement Supporters:





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We don't know how many officers sustain injuries on the job each year, the severity of those injuries, or how those injuries impact the officers and their agencies.

This research will address the following related to the injury event:



- The duty or activity the officer was performing
- The time of day
- If other officers were present
- If the officer has a permanent disability
- If the officer was able to return to work or was forced to resign

Encourage your agency's officers to participate if contacted.

Data collected through this study will help the law enforcement community better understand the risks that officers face and will position law enforcement leaders to make informed decisions to improve officer safety and prevent future injuries.

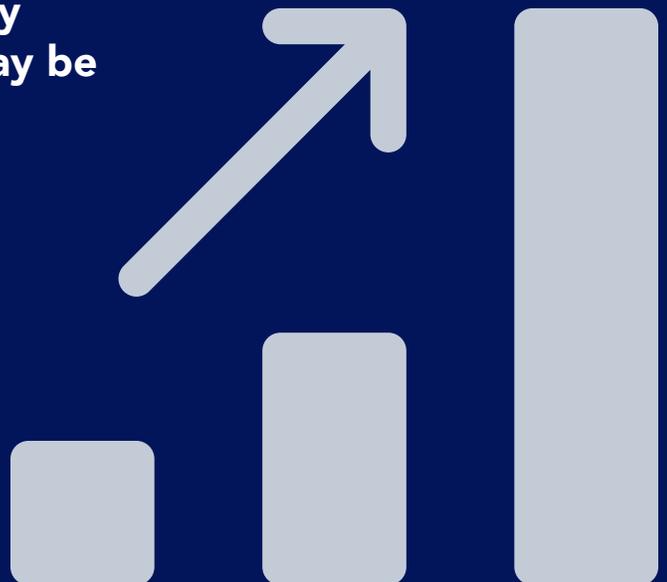
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Preliminary data suggests that Emergency Department (ED) visits among officers may be increasing.

Potential cases rose

47%

comparing a three-month period in 2019 to 2020 (May, June, July). Preliminary data showed a 47% increase in potential officers visiting a hospital ED for an on-duty injury or exposure. (NIOSH, 2020)



For more information, please visit:

policefoundation.org/niosh-nonfatal-injuries-among-law-enforcement-officers-research-study