r2p in Construction: Resources & Tools to Advance Safety and Health

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- Non-profit dedicated to reducing injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in the construction industry.
- Activity areas: training, service, and research,
- Serve as NIOSH's National Construction Center

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**Finding**: Significant research on effective interventions *but* slow adoption

#### **Questions to Address:**

How can the program get vital information to the worker?

How does the program persuade contractors and workers to effectively use the interventions developed through the research?

# r2p Challenges

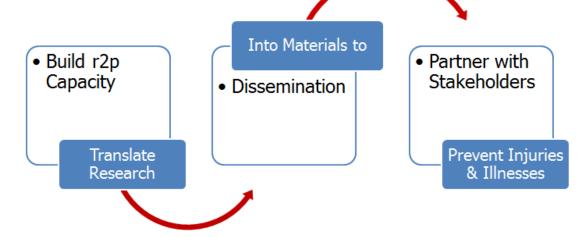
#### Industry

- ✓ Decentralized industry no fixed worksites
- ✓ Small, often isolated and under-resourced contractors
- ✓ Diverse workforce

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 Changing platforms and mechanisms for finding, receiving, sharing and BLOCKING information

 Moved from finding the best approach to finding the best mix of approaches



# r2p Capacity



# **Research Translation**

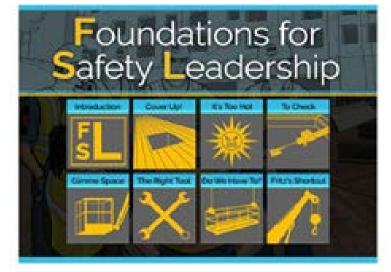


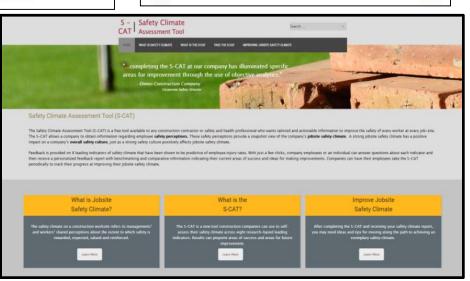
# **Dissemination**

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> Safe Students, Safe Workers: **Construction Safety Programs** in Career Technical Education

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#### Leveraging an Evidence-based Approach to Communicate Safety and Health Information to Small Employers and their Employees

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#### Safety News

Rock and Concrete Drilling: Can a new drill bit reduce hazards and increase productivity?

Research shows sharp drill bits mean less dust noise vibration & factor drilling

Concrete drilling is dusty, loud, and exhausting work. If you've spent time drilling holes with a hammer drill in order know how grueling this can be. You probably already know that a sharp new drill bit angle. makes the work easier - but did you know it can also make the work safer and faster?

That's the takeaway from important new research by Dr. David Rempel and his team at the University of California's Center for

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creases substantially as a bit wears down ment to measure a worker's potential exfrom continued use. Over the last several years, Dr. Rempel's

team has earned recognition by designing drill jigs that reduce force and vibration and the risk for musculoskeletal injuries the drill penetrates the concrete. (e.g., back, shoulder, etc.) for workers In their experiments, the team used a Telpro, an equipment manufacturer, adopted Rempel's overhead drill jig design jig (ErgoMek) suitable for drilling at any

The team has now designed a test bench system (pictured at right) that allows the researchers to test for and measure potential exposures to several hazards generated by different hammer drills - in-Occupational and Environmental Health formation that can help contractors and

posure to silica dust, noise, and the force and vibration that can lead to musculoskeletal injuries. The test bench also measures productivity - that is, how quickly

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engaged in concrete and rock drilling. common hammer drill and carbide-tipped bit, isolating the effect of wear on the drill bit. As expected, heavily worn bits took for a commercial product (DrillBite\*\*), much more time to penetrate the con-Engineer Alan Barr, a Rempel colleague, crete than new ones, adding up to 60% to to hang ductwork, pipes or conduit, you has begun production of a universal drill the time required to drill a 3" deep hole. Moreover, the worn bit increased the risk for illness and injury, generating about

twice as much airborne silica dust, was almost two decibels (dBA) louder, and produced a small but significant increase in handle vibration. Combined, that means that a worker using a worn drill bit is exposed to more dust, noise and vibration, and for a longer period of time. These

results underscore the importance of replacing worn bits.

In a separate study, the team found that the best measures of wear on a carbide-tipped bit were reduced width of the tip and rounding of the tip shoulders. Contractors and workers can check the condition of a bit by following these wear patterns.

While vacuums to control the dust and hearing protection will still be needed. the increase in productivity along with the reduced exposure to silica dust, noise, and vibration makes a strong safety and business case for regularly replacing worn drill bits

Source: CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training

In three experiments, the research team workers select and purchase safer tools showed that a worker's exposure to noise. The test bench uses a mannequin torso tool vibration and airborne silica dust in- attached to a slide mounted with equip-

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### **Engage Intermediaries**

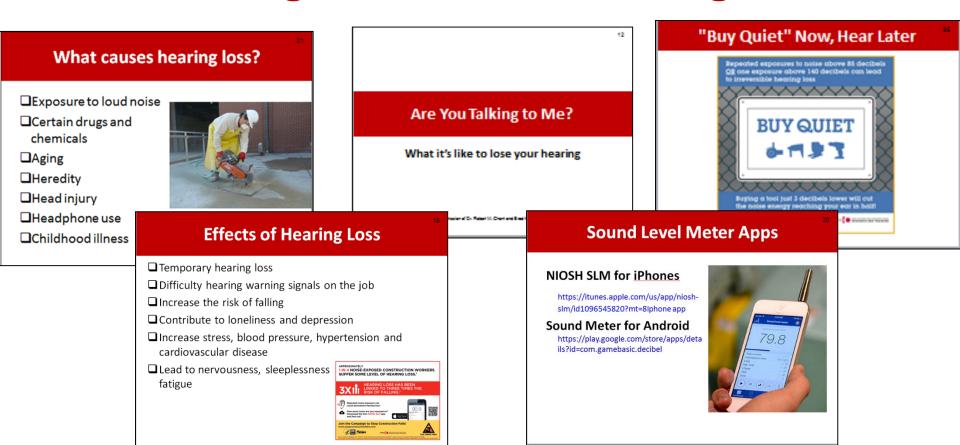
### **Positioned to:**

- ➢Help with dissemination
- Identify barriers and facilitators for r2p
- ➢Influence outcomes
- Support research and identify research needs

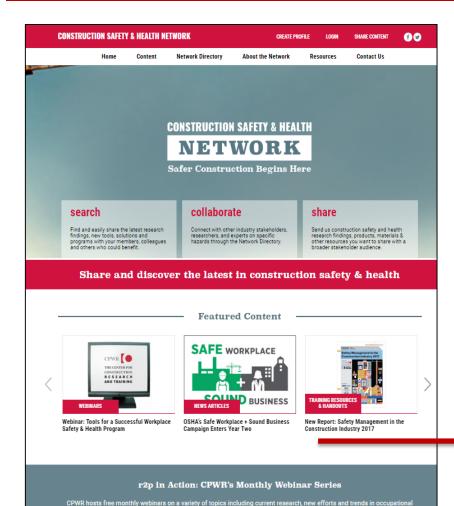
Early and ongoing engagement will facilitate & accelerate adoption of research findings and solutions

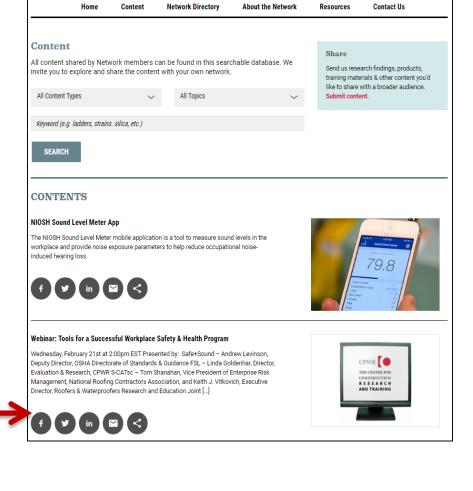
### **Networks:** Trainers and Researchers United Network (TRU-Net)

### Construction Noise & Hearing Loss Prevention Program



### Networks: SafeConstructionNetwork.org





safety & health, and training programs. For upcoming events and past recordings click below.

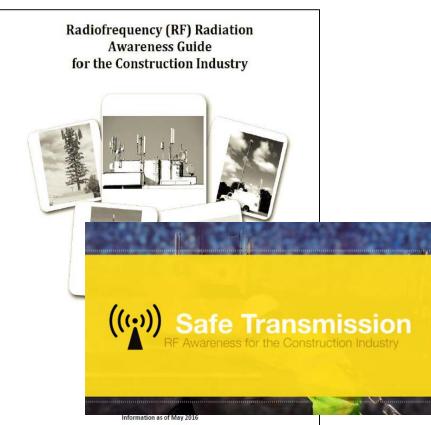
### Industry r2p Partnerships: Masonry r2p Partnership (BAC, ICE, IMI)

- Support for new Research (p2r)
- ChooseHandSafety website
- Contractor & Worker Surveys

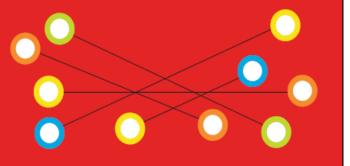


### Industry r2 Partnerships: Roofing r2p Partnership (NRCA, UURWAW)

- RF Radiation Awareness Program
- S-CATsc
- #RooferSafety365 Campaign

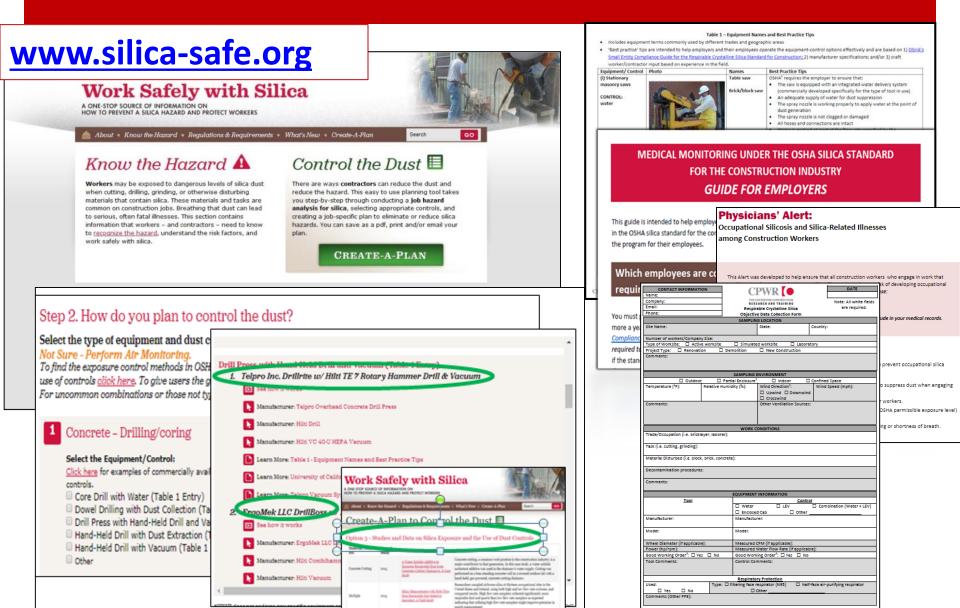


Safety Climate Assessment Tool(S-CAT<sup>\$C</sup>) for Small Contractors



www.cpwr.com/research/ s-cat-sc-small-contractors

### **OSHA-NIOSH CPWR r2p Working Group**



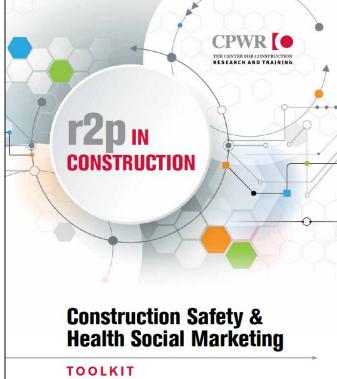
## **Community of Practice:** Ergonomics

### Members:

CPWR Consortium Researchers, Insurance, Industry Stakeholders & Trainers

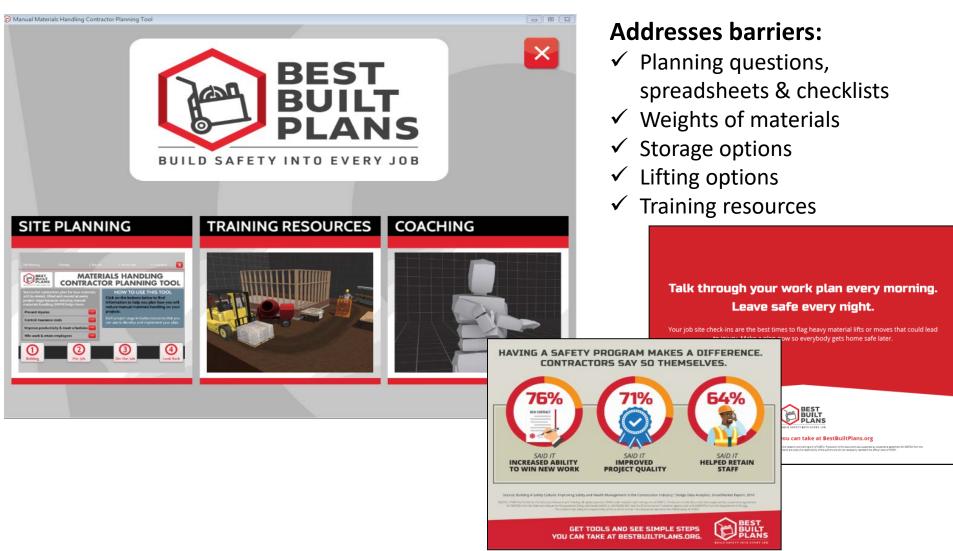
If we know there's a problem and have solutions... why are workers still being injured?

Focus: manual materials handling



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# **Questions?**





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