The primary goal of the Massachusetts Workplace Safety and Health Program (WSHP) is to prevent workplace injury and illness of public sector workers. WSHP accomplishes this through enforcement investigations and voluntary inspections.

Where has WSHP inspected?

In FY2017-2019, WSHP conducted 490 safety inspections in cities and towns. Some municipalities have been inspected more than once because more than one department has been inspected (i.e. public works; schools; water). The following map illustrates where inspections have been conducted. WSHP also inspects county and state agencies, which are not included on this map.
Compliance with OSHA regulations

454 CMR 25.00 requires all public-sector employers to comply with OSHA safety and health regulations. Complying with OSHA regulations is the minimum strategy to prevent injuries in the workplace.

Which cities and towns will be inspected?

WSHP prioritizes safety inspections to meet our goal for preventing work-related injuries and illnesses:

- Accident Investigation
- Complaints
- Voluntary Audit
- Planned Random Inspection. Examples of hazards and typical departments is summarized in our Planned Programmed bulletin: mass.gov/doc/planned-programmed-inspections-fy2019-2023

What are WSHP inspectors looking for?

WSHP inspectors look for the root cause of an accident, and look for hazards which could cause injury or illness. The WSHP website has resources that summarize many of the conditions we evaluate.

- Template written programs: mass.gov/service-details/safety-programs-for-the-public-sector
- Self-audit checklists: mass.gov/service-details/masssafetyworks-resources
- Safety bulletins and toolbox talks: mass.gov/service-details/masssafetyworks-resources