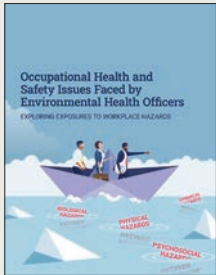


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ABOUT THE COVER



Environmental health officers are exposed to various physical, chemical, biological, and psychosocial hazards as frontline public health professionals. These exposures to workplace hazards,

however, can be overlooked. This month's cover article, "Occupational Health and Safety Issues Faced by Environmental Health Officers: A Perspective From Western Australia," surveyed environmental health officers about occupational health and safety hazard concerns in the workplace, job demands, workplace violence, and physical demands in the workplace. Environmental health officers perceive themselves as being at risk of exposure to a range of workplace hazards, with the ones of most concern being workplace stress; workplace violence; sharps injury; and slips, trips, and falls. This study provides useful preliminary information in understanding occupational health and safety issues in the environmental health profession. While more research is warranted, this study can help inform guidance and strategies to better protect environmental health professionals.

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