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### **Abstract**

The OSHC extended its survey of OSH conditions to six selected regions outside of Metro Manila. Three-hundred-six (306) manufacturing establishments were covered by this survey done in 1993.

Among the numerous findings were: almost 43 percent of the establishments had a written safety and health policy; 52 percent had a safety and health committees; and almost 48 percent hired a physician or a nurse to take care of health matters, while over 52 percent had a first-aiders trained by the PNRC. Six establishments did not provide comfort rooms. More than 67 percent provided potable water. In about 40 percent of the establishments, sport facilities were provided.

Very few of the companies monitored the hazards in their work environment like noise, dust, ventilation, organic solvents and others. Ventilation was observed to be adequate in less than 80 percent of the companies surveyed.

Workers in the regions faced great risk of physical harm due either to non-availability or non-use of PPE. For instance, in only less than 20 percent of companies, where there were falling and flying objects, did workers use helmets, safety shoes and face shields. In work where safety belts were needed, less than 6 percent of the companies used them.