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Naval Safety Center Success Story: “Protecting Our People from Bad Vibrations”



Some potentially serious occupational hazards in Navy workplaces, like noise-induced hearing loss and heat stress, are well known, heavily reported, and well documented. However, certain other workplace hazards are not as widely recognized. One such hazard is hand arm vibration, which can cause hand arm vibration syndrome, or HAVS.

The Navy faces the continual challenge of finding better and improved vibration-reducing materials and technologies that meet ANSI/ISO guidelines and standards and can be incorporated into ships and shore facility designs during the acquisition process. Because Navy leadership is concerned about the safety and health of its military and civilian workers, they are working hard to address HAVS as an under-recognized occupational health problem through acquisition of safe, cost-effective, and performance-improving designs and equipment.

Read about the Navy efforts to protect their people from HAVS at:

www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Documents/Success%20Stories%202/0149%20Hand_Arm_Vibration_%2014_June_10.pdf