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## ***NEW DVD AVAILABLE*** **RECOGNITION, EVALUATION AND CONTROL OF HAND-ARM VIBRATION SYNDROME**

The Naval Safety Center and Defense Safety Oversight Council's (DSOC) Acquisition and Technology Task Force are pleased to announce a new DVD that updates the 1980s National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) video on hand-arm vibration syndrome (HAVS). The new version includes details on measurement, exposure evaluation, and approaches to obtaining relevant controls and suitable protective equipment through the supply and logistics system.

DSOC sponsored a collaborative project between the General Services Administration, NIOSH, and Department of Defense (DoD) agency contacts to improve the availability of reduced-vibration powered hand tools and third-party tested anti-vibration gloves, and to provide education and outreach. The Naval Safety Center's Media Department independently produced this DVD—a key part of the education and outreach effort—in collaboration with NIOSH, the DoD Ergonomics Working Group, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.



HAVS is a neurovascular syndrome affecting the hands and fingers with increasingly severe numbness, tingling, and an associated decreased functionality of the fingers.

From an occupational standpoint, HAVS is almost always associated with the severe and prolonged use of certain power hand tools with high levels of vibration.

### **How to Get Your Copy**

#### **DoD Organizations**

Obtain the DVD free of charge from the Defense Media Activity at <http://defenseimagery.mil/imagery.html#a=search&s=807012&chk=6cfc8>

#### **Non-DoD organizations**

Purchase the DVD for \$50 from the National Audiovisual Center at <http://www.ntis.gov/search/product.aspx?ABBR=AVA21570DVD1>