

## Current Structure of the Committee

The membership of the Committee encompasses private & public sector agencies and workers and employers organisations.

The listing is as follows:

- Mrs. Natasha Porte - Chairman
- Mr. Peter Thompson - Deputy Chairman
- Miss Tamisha Greenidge - Secretary

Representatives of the:

- Labour Department
- Barbados Fire Service
- Barbados National Standards Institution
- Congress of Trade Unions & Staff Associations
- Barbados Small Business Association
- Barbados Manufacturers' Association
- Barbados Employers' Confederation
- Barbados Association of Medical Practitioners
- Barbados Association of Professional Engineers
- Ministry of Health
- National Insurance Department
- Environmental Protection Department
- Barbados Hotel and Tourism Association
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Construction Industry

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# NACOSH



## **History of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH)**

NACOSH was established in 1983, comprising representatives of:

- Public and Private Sectors
- Workers' Unions
- Employers' Organisations and the International Labour Organisation

The Secretariat of the Committee is located at the Labour Department

### **Purpose**

NACOSH was established to complement the work of the Factory Inspectorate of the Labour Department.

### **Terms of Reference**

1. To make recommendations on matters referred to it by the Minister, submitted to it by interested parties or pursued by the Committee by its own initiative.

2. To advise the Minister on programmes in the field of Occupational Safety, Health and Hygiene.
3. To advise the Minister on policies and procedures in standard setting, and in the development and review of legislation and guidelines to be established by the Government.
4. To review and make recommendations to the Minister on the introduction of new processes, procedures and/or substances in the workplace.
5. To review and make recommendations in regards to the safety, health and welfare arrangements for specific occupational groups and in areas where there are no formal health and safety programmes; or where such programmes are judged to be inadequate.
6. To assist with educating the public on matters of health and safety and minimize accidents on the job and to a lesser extent, financial cost to the state.

7. To liaise with other relevant agencies and assist with the co-ordination of activities pertaining to Occupational Health and Safety, in order to prevent duplication of efforts and ensuring the best utilization of resources.

### **Goals**

Together with the Labour Department, NACOSH has the following goals:

- To protect the workers against any health hazard which may arise out of their work or the conditions in which it is carried on;
- To contribute towards the workers' mental and physical adjustment by the adaptation of the work to the workers; and
- To contribute to the establishment and maintenance of the highest possible degree of physical and mental well-being of the workers.

