

## 12. Involve Allies

Workers, health and safety committees, and unions can reach out to potential allies and ask them to support their fight against unsafe conditions. Unsafe conditions that result in injury, illness, or death are unacceptable to most people. Hazardous workplace conditions may also be a danger to the public. Toxic releases, air and water pollution, fire, or explosions can be concerns for people, especially those living or working nearby.



Workers lead double lives – as members of the workforce and members of the community. Many potential allies are actually their friends, neighbors, and families. These allies are often local, but may also include partners on a regional, statewide or even national or international level. They can include union, community, environmental, religious, and civil rights leaders as well as elected officials.

### PUBLICATIONS WITH MORE INFORMATION



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[www.afscme.org/publications/1671.cfm](http://www.afscme.org/publications/1671.cfm)

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