

Respect for the human rights of Company and Group employees

Initiatives to safeguard occupational safety and health in the workplace

The whole NOF Group, including the staff of cooperating companies assigned to NOF's works, is making all-out efforts to eradicate occupational accidents. In order to clearly express the Group's determination to make its workplaces secure and safe for all the workers involved in its activities and to realize this ideal, NOF set forth its Occupational Safety and Health Policy in April 2006. The major activities are as follows. Please refer to page 186 of the Sustainability Report for information on the occurrence of occupational accidents.

(1) Development of OSHMS* (Occupational Safety and Health Management System)
The NOF Group, under its Occupational Safety and Health Policy, is undertaking buildup of the Occupational Safety and Health Management System. Referencing the guidelines of the International Labor Organization and the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, we are building up our own system and promoting activities. The Risk Assessment program, which started in fiscal 2008 at every works of the NOF Group, is now adopted by domestic member-companies of the NOF Group as well.

(2) Implementation of various training and drills The NOF Group conducts various training programs, including on forklift operation, handling of hazardous materials and chemicals, fall prevention in the workplace, and heat stroke prevention, as well as disaster prevention drills and BCP training.

Diversity promotion initiatives

The NOF Group implements various training programs to promote the advancement of women. To date, we have conducted training on diversity promotion and gender bias for managers who have female employees under their supervision, and training on diversity promotion and leadership development for female employees.

Management of work hours

The NOF Group is working to ensure proper labor management with a view to reducing work hours by improving operational efficiency and productivity and promoting fulfilling lifestyles outside of work, while making efforts to reduce work hours mainly through restricting work after the designated time and introducing a work interval system.

Establishment of internal whistle-blowing contact points

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The NOF Group has set up consultation desks in Japanese, English, Chinese (Simplified Chinese), Korean, Indonesian, and Portuguese at external third-party institutions as contact points for whistle-blowing / consultation in overseas countries where NOF's business bases are located. Employees can contact the desks if they become aware of a violation or potential violation of compliance rules.

In fiscal 2023, 15 reports were received, mainly for harassment. We carefully investigated the facts of each report promptly and without searching for the whistleblower, and took necessary corrective actions and measures to prevent recurrence. For example, in harassment-related reports, we issued guidance to the reported individuals or imposed disciplinary actions.

Results of survey on awareness of whistle-blowing contact points

Options	Do you know that there are contact points for reporting and consulting about illegal or improper activities in the workplace?
I know about the contact points, including how to reach them	50.1%
I know about the contact points, but don't know how to reach them	40.3%
I don't know about the contact points	9.6%

^{*} Acronym for Occupational Safety and Health Management System. A management system that determines the organization, responsibilities, practices, processes, and management resources required for an operator to continuously mitigate potential occupational safety and health risks.