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with a career in science, and help protect people at work



Occupational hygienists are the scientists of health and safety – they play a significant role in preventing and reducing disease and injury in New Zealand.

Their work is extremely varied and can range from observing how organisations are using chemical agents such as gases or dust; to determining whether the controls in place to prevent ill health are effective to protect people at work and the surrounding communities.

Occupational hygiene is a multi-disciplinary science which means it draws on aspects of toxicology, chemistry, physics, physiology, maths, and engineering as well as many more – no two jobs will be the same.

New Zealand needs more occupational hygienists over the coming years to ensure their important work of protecting New Zealanders at work can continue.

You can find out more about the role of an occupational hygienist and the pathway to becoming one, here:

nzohs.org.nz/what-is-occupational-hygiene/

