

GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE 2.7: Employee Health and Safety Records

This schedule covers records about employee health and safety functions within federal agencies.

Conditions and Exclusions

The following conditions and exclusions apply to all disposition authorities in this schedule.

1. Agencies must offer any records created prior to January 1, 1921, to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) before applying disposition instructions in this schedule.
2. This schedule does not apply to mission-related federal research, monitoring, standard-setting and enforcement activities to ensure environmental protection, occupational safety, and public health. Such records are covered by agency-specific schedules.
3. The terms “non-occupational” and “patient” are used in this schedule to refer to nonwork-required health services and to health conditions not causally connected to the employee’s work or workplace. The terms “workplace” and “safety” refer to occupational records.

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010	<p>Clinic scheduling records.</p> <p>Scheduling records of clinic visits, both occupational and non-occupational. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● patient's name, time of appointment, and type of work to be performed ● details for pending, confirmed, and upcoming appointments, including date, time, clinic, care team and reason for visit ● notifications about appointment updates ● patient visit and other scheduling-related statistics 	<p>Temporary. Destroy when 3 years old, but longer retention is authorized if needed for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0001
Occupational Health Records			
020	<p>Occupational injury and illness program records.</p> <p>Records documenting the planning, management, reporting, and routine operations undertaken by occupational health and safety organizations. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● miscellaneous reports, annual summaries or reports to the Secretary of Labor ● correspondence with internal agency offices and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) ● OSHA 300 Log ● OSHA 301 Incident Report ● OSHA 300A Summary or equivalent <p>Exclusion: Workers’ Compensation (personnel injury compensation) records are covered under items 100 and 101 of GRS 2.4, Employee Compensation and Benefits Records.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy when 6 years old, but longer retention is authorized if needed for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0002

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	<p>Legal Citations: 29 CFR Part 1904.33 and 29 CFR Part 1960.69.</p>			
030	<p>Occupational health and safety training records. Records of health and safety-related training on topics such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), automatic external defibrillators (AED), personal protective equipment (PPE) use, safe sampling techniques, personal decontamination procedures, and emergency response procedures.</p> <p>Exclusion 1: Records appropriate for long-term retention in an Official Personnel Folder, such as academic transcripts and professional licenses. GRS 2.2, Employee Management Records, item 040 covers these.</p> <p>Exclusion 2: Training records related to job-specific activities or that may impact individual occupational health. Items 060 and 061 of this schedule cover these.</p> <p>Legal Citation: 29 CFR Part 1910.120 App E(9)</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 5 years after training participation or when superseded, whichever is applicable, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0003	
040	<p>Workplace environmental monitoring and exposure records. Results or measurements of monitoring workplace air, toxic substances, or harmful physical agents, including personal, area, grab, wipe, or other methods of sampling results.</p>	<p>OSHA-regulated substance monitoring and exposure records. Area/general occupational exposure records and select carcinogen exposure records from hazardous chemical use in laboratories. Includes the Chemical Hygiene Plan.</p> <p>Exclusion: Employee-specific occupational exposure records appropriate for individual occupational medical case files are covered by item 060.</p> <p>Legal Citations: 29 CFR Part 1910.1020(d)(1)(ii) and 29 CFR Part 1910.1020(d)(1)(iii)</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy no sooner than 30 years after monitoring is conducted, but longer retention is authorized if needed for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0004
041	<p>Note 1: Biological monitoring results, such as blood and urine analysis results, designated as exposure records by specific Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards are maintained as</p>	<p>Occupational noise monitoring and exposure records.</p> <p>Exclusion: Employee-specific occupational exposure records appropriate for individual occupational medical case files are covered by item 060.</p> <p>Legal Citation: 29 CFR Part 1910.95(m)(3)(i)</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy no sooner than 2 years after monitoring is conducted, but longer retention is authorized if needed for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0005

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042	<p>required by the specific standard governing their use. For more information, refer to 29 CFR 1910.1020(c)(5) – Employee exposure records and 29 CFR 1910.1020(c)(5)(ii).</p>	<p>Lead (Pb), Coke Oven emissions, Dibromochloropropane (DBCP), Acrylonitrile, and Inorganic Arsenic monitoring and exposure records.</p> <p>Exclusion: Employee-specific occupational exposure records appropriate for individual occupational medical case files are covered by item 060.</p> <p>Legal Citation: 29 CFR Part 1910.1045 App A(vi)(C)</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy no sooner than 40 years after monitoring is conducted, but longer retention is authorized if needed for business use.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0006</p>
043	<p>Note 2: These items are intended for agencies subject to Executive Order 12196, Occupational Safety and Health Programs for Federal Employees. Entities excluded from these requirements may use these items or agency-specific schedules.</p>	<p>Background data. Records, such as consensus standards or other regulatory/non-regulatory documents, associated with related data.</p> <p>Note: Use of this item requires that the agency retains the sampling results, the collection methodology (sampling plan), a description of the analytical and mathematical methods used, and a summary of other background data relevant to interpretation of the results obtained, for at least thirty (30) years.</p> <p>Legal Citation: 29 CFR Part 1910.1020(d)(1)(ii)(A)</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy no sooner than 1 year after monitoring is conducted, but longer retention is authorized if needed for business use.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0007</p>
050	<p>Safety Data Sheets (SDS). Includes other specified records concerning the identity of a substance or agent. These records were formerly called Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).</p> <p>Exclusion: Copies placed in individual occupational medical case files to document substances or agents to which employees are exposed are covered under item 060 of this schedule.</p> <p>Note: Based on OSHA requirements in 29 CFR 1910.1020 under paragraph (d)(1)(ii)(B), employers may discard safety data sheets if “some record of the identity (chemical name if known) of the substance or agent, where it was used, and when it was used is retained for at least thirty (30) years.” Then, an employer may discard the original data sheet and retain only the new data sheet if a record on the original formulation is maintained.</p> <p>Legal citation: 29 CFR Part 1910.1020(d)(1)(ii)(B)</p>		<p>Temporary. Destroy when business use ceases.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0008</p>

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060	<p>Occupational individual medical case files. These records are also referred to as Employee Medical Folders (EMFs), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) medical records, and medical surveillance records. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personal and occupational health histories • opinions and written evaluations generated in the course of diagnosis and employment-related treatment/examination by medical health care professionals and technicians • employee-specific occupational exposure records, which include employee-specific occupational records (exposures include, but are not limited to, gases, liquids, vapors, mists, dust particles and noise) • employee audiometric testing records <p>Note: For those entities subject to OPM's requirements, OPM determines which of these records are long-term and which are short-term records. For guidance on which records qualify for this category, follow OPM guidance. Other entities should follow agency policy.</p>	<p>Long-term records.</p> <p>Exclusion: Individual non-occupational medical records are covered by item 070.</p> <p>Note 1: While non-occupational/patient records pertaining to an employee are not required to be included as a record within the individual occupational medical case files, under certain conditions, copies of such records are occupationally-related and, in those cases, may be included in the individual occupational medical case files. (5 CFR 293.504)</p> <p>Note 2: For transferred employees subject to OPM's requirements, see 5 CFR Part 293, Subpart E, Employee Medical File System Records, for implementing instructions.</p> <p>Note 3: For separated employees subject to OPM's requirements, see 5 CFR Part 293, Subpart E, Employee Medical File System Records, for implementing instructions.</p> <p>Legal Citations: 5 CFR Part 293.511(b), 29 CFR 1910.1020(d)(1)(i), and 29 CFR Part 1910.95(m)(3)(ii).</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 30 years after employee separation or when the Official Personnel Folder (OPF) is destroyed, whichever is longer.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0009</p>
061		<p>Short-term records.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 1 year after employee separation or transfer.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0010</p>
062	<p>Exclusion: Records of claims filed under the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) are covered under GRS 2.4, items 100 and 101.</p>	<p>Individual employee health case files created prior to establishment of the Employee Medical File system in 1986.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 60 years after retirement to the NARA records storage facility.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0011</p>

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Workplace Health Assessments				
063	<p>Vaccination attestations and proof of vaccination records. Records attesting to an individuals' current vaccination status and providing proof or certification of vaccination.</p>	<p>Federal employees and contractors. Applies only to records related to federal employees and contractors of the agency collecting the records.</p> <p>Note: If agencies file these records in occupational health files, use the disposition authority for occupational health files instead.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy when 3 years old.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2021-0003-0001</p>
064		<p>Visitors. Includes federal employees and contractors visiting from other agencies.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy when 30 days old.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2021-0003-0002</p>
065	<p>Symptom screening and testing records. Records related to screening and testing intended to detect a possible communicable or infectious disease, if collected. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● symptom check/screening data ● testing records/results 	<p>Federal Employees. Applies only to records related to federal employees of the agency collecting the records.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy when 1 year old.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2021-0003-0003</p>
066		<p>Contractors and visitors. Includes federal employees that are visiting from another agency.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy when 30 days old.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2021-0003-0004</p>
Non-Occupational Health Records				
070	<p>Non-occupational individual medical case files. Records of treatment or examination created and maintained by a health care facility or dispensary documenting an individual's medical history, physical condition, vaccinations, and first-aid visits for nonwork-related purposes. Also referred to as "patient records" in Title 5 Part 293 Subpart E.</p> <p>Legal Citations: AHIMA. "Retention and Destruction of Health Information." (Updated October 2013) and 31 U.S.C. 3731(b), False Claims Act.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 10 years after the most recent encounter, but longer retention is authorized if needed for business use.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0012</p>	
080	<p>Non-occupational health and wellness program records. Records documenting the planning, management, reporting, correspondence with internal agency offices, statistical summaries, and routine operations undertaken by employee health service organizations involving non-occupational worksite health and wellness programs, such as nursing mothers, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), alcohol and drug abuse programs, and tobacco cessation. Includes:</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 3 years after the project/activity/ or transaction is completed or</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0013</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● health risk appraisals ● biometric testing ● health coaching ● disease management ● behavioral management ● preventive services ● fitness programs 	superseded, but longer retention is authorized if needed for business use.		
090	<p>Employee Assistance Program (EAP) counseling records. Records of individuals who have sought or been referred to counseling services provided through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). May include records of family members and dependents.</p>	<p>Records related to employee performance or conduct. Records of counseling services provided through the EAP for performance or conduct reasons. Records include documentation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● leave and attendance ● performance ● alleged inappropriate behavior or workplace violence ● reason for referral ● management interventions ● illegal drug or alcohol use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ test results for use of illegal drugs ○ test results for alcohol consumption on the job ○ substance abuse assessment, treatment, aftercare, and monitoring records <p>Note: GRS 2.3, Employee Relations Records, covers adverse action files under item 061 and performance-based action files under item 062.</p>	Temporary. Destroy once employee has met condition(s) specified by agreement or adverse action or performance-based action case file has been initiated.	DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0014
091		<p>Records not related to performance or conduct. Records documenting nature of an individual's problem and participation in a treatment or rehabilitation program. Records may include documentation of treatment by a private therapist or a therapist at a federal, state, local government, or private institution. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Privacy Act and signed written consent forms ● psychosocial history and assessments ● medical records ● correspondence with the client ● clinical and education interventions 	Temporary. Destroy 7 years after termination of counseling for adults or 3 years after a minor reaches the age of majority, or when the state-specific statute of limitations has	DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0015

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● records of attendance at treatment, kinds of treatment, and counseling programs ● identity and contact information of treatment providers ● name, address, and phone number of treatment facilities ● notes and documentation of internal EAP counselors ● insurance data ● intervention outcomes 	expired for contract providers subject to state requirements, but longer retention is authorized if needed for business use.	
Drug-free Workplace Program Records			
100	<p>Employee drug test plans, procedures, and scheduling records. Drug testing program records pertaining to the development of procedures, such as the determination of testing incumbents in designated positions and selection of specific employees/applicants for testing. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● agency copies of plans and procedures, with related drafts, correspondence, and memoranda ● lists of selectees ● notification letters ● testing schedules <p>Exclusion 1: Documents filed in record sets of formally issued documents, such as directives, procedure handbooks, and operating manuals. Schedule these on agency-specific schedules.</p> <p>Exclusion 2: Consolidated statistical and narrative reports concerning the operation of agency programs, including annual reports to Congress, as required by Pub. L. 100-71, 503(f), are covered in GRS 5.7, Agency Accountability Records.</p> <p>Exclusion 3: Oversight program records of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Personnel Management, the Office of Management and Budget, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Department of Justice. Schedule these on agency-specific schedules.</p>	Temporary. Destroy when 3 years old or when superseded or obsolete.	DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0016
110	<p>Employee drug test acknowledgment of notice forms. Forms completed by employees whose positions are designated sensitive for drug testing purposes, acknowledging they have received notice and they may be tested.</p>	Temporary. Destroy when employee separates from testing-designated position.	DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0017

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120	<p>Employee drug testing specimen records. Identifying data on each specimen, recorded at each collection site in the order in which the specimen was collected. Includes records used to maintain control and accountability of specimens from the point of collection to final disposition, <i>e.g.</i>, chain-of-custody records.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 3 years after date of last entry or when 3 years old, whichever is later.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0018</p>	
130	<p>Employee drug test results. Records documenting individual test results, including testing reports, notification of employees and employing offices, and documents relating to follow-up testing.</p>	<p>Positive results.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy when employee leaves the agency or when 3 years old, whichever is later.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0019</p>
131	<p>Exclusion: Drug test results of applicants for employment are covered by GRS 2.1, Employee Acquisition Records, items 050 and 051.</p>	<p>Negative results.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy when 3 years old.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2017-0010-0020</p>