We Need YOU to Share Your Staffing Story

Are you experiencing burnout from unsafe staffing? Have staffing levels impacted your ability to provide the best care to your patients? Are you ready for a change?

For decades, hospital CEOs have put profits ahead of patients--ignoring warnings from researchers and frontline nurses about the staffing crisis and the need to raise staffing and safety standards for nurses and patients. The COVID-19 pandemic snapped a health care system hospital executives had pushed to its breaking point. Now nurses across the state are forced to work too many hours with too little help--leading to unsafe situations and increasing the risks of COVID-19 outbreaks, medical mistakes, and workplace violence.

It's time for a change. We know hospital CEOs won't change their profit models willingly, so we have to change the rules. No one knows better than you the impact unsafe staffing has on your patients, your coworkers and your communities. It's time to tell your story to lawmakers so we can pass new laws to raise staffing standards at Oregon's hospitals and health systems to ensure nurses and patients have the support and care we need.

Click here to share your staffing story: www.oregonrn.org/nursingstories
Every nurse knows hospitals are dangerously short-staffed, resulting in nurses and our colleagues working unsustainable hours, taking on unsafe patient loads, and leaving every shift more exhausted and injured than before. It doesn’t have to be this way. We can force hospitals to increase staffing and take nurses’ working conditions and patient care conditions seriously.

Join an All Member Townhall, Tuesday, Nov. 1 beginning at 4 p.m. to discuss how we can make bold legislative changes to raise staffing standards statewide, increase patient safety and address Oregon’s ongoing staffing crisis. Your input and support will be crucial to help make these important changes. Come to the safe staffing townhall to find out how we can make a difference.

Register now at: https://bit.ly/3CHrTqa
Or use the QR code!

SAFEB STAFFING SAVES LIVES

ONA stewards are the lifeblood of what makes our union strong. A strong union has at least one steward for every unit and shift. Stewards are there to answer colleague’s questions and discuss concerns and help keep every nurse up to date on important union activities.

Introductory steward, grievance handling and building worksite power trainings all focused on representing your coworkers and problem-solving workplace issues.

More training dates will be announced as they are finalized.

www.OregonRN.org/Steward-Training

Topics and Dates

Introductory Steward Training
- Saturday, October 15
- Thursday, November 10
- Saturday, December 3

Grievance Handling Training
- Monday, November 28

Building Worksite Power Training
- Friday, October 28
- Saturday, December 10