

# Alcohol-Related Workplace Injuries Recordable, OSHA Says

Employers are not exempt from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's reporting rule for on-the-job injuries linked to alcohol intoxication even though the injured employee's consumption of alcoholic beverages took place off the job, reports **Bradford T. Hammock** of **Jackson Lewis**.

Amanda Edens, head of OSHA's Technical Support and Emergency Management Directorate, outlined the interpretation in a letter that was released April 18.

"According to Edens, OSHA health care professionals concluded the exception for self-medication does not apply because consuming alcohol 'does not treat the disorder of alcoholism. Instead, drinking alcohol is a manifestation of the disorder,' " the article says.

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