



## T K Group Vans Staffed With CAOHC Certified Professionals

The Council on the Accreditation of Occupational Hearing Conservationists (CAOHC) is a national organization formed in 1973 to develop and maintain national certification standards for audiometric technicians. CAOHC is anchored and steered by the influences of seven major national organizations which include **American Academy of otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO)**, **American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)**, **American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)**, **American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)**, **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)**, **Military Audiology Association**, and **National Safety Council (NSC)**.

The resulting collaboration of these organizations has outlined the scope and level of training needed for candidates seeking CAOHC certification. CAOHC is also responsible for training, certifying, and monitoring Course Directors.

While CAOHC certification is not OSHA mandated, all T K Group mobile van technicians are CAOHC certified.

CAOHC certification requires the successful completion of a classroom and hands-on coursework of duration not to fall below 20 clock hours taught in 2 ½ days. Once certification is obtained, re-certification must be obtained every five years.

Please be advised that unless a CAOHC certified individual is a qualified physician or certified audiologist, a CAOHC certified OHC must never be expected nor allowed to perform the following tasks (unless otherwise certified): interpret audiograms, make or suggest any hearing related diagnosis, supervise Hearing Loss Prevention Programs, conduct any advanced form of audiometric testing, train other OHCs.

The OHC is a vital and integral member of the occupational Hearing Loss Prevention Program process. CAOHC certified technicians at T K Group not only provide and maintain integrity and quality of testing, but also help to see that the overall testing process smooth, efficient, and even enjoyable for both the examinee and the client as a whole.

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