

## **Department of Factory Inspection State Documents**

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents

The Department of Factory Inspection was responsible for administering safety inspections of industrial plants in Pennsylvania. The duties of this department, as provided by the Factory Act of 1905, included the licensing and regulation of tenement work, the inspection and regulation of bakeries, and of all factories where women and minors are employed, and the enforcement of the laws concerning fire escapes, ventilation, wash-rooms, etc., in factories.

The publications of the Department of Factory Inspection contain annual reports. Selected topics from these publications include yearly happenings and statistics of Pennsylvania factories, and the report of the Chief Factory Inspector. The bulk of the current material is dated from 1897 to 1912.

## Biographical / Historical

The Office of Factory Inspector was created in 1889 (P.L. 243) under the Office of the Governor, and was later expanded into the Department of Factory Inspection in 1905.

## Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Office of the Factory Inspector (former name)

## General

Annual reports of the (Chief) Factory Inspector of Pennsylvania from 1897 to 1907 (intermittent) are available on the Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/search?query=annual+report+factory+pennsylvania>.

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