EU-OSHA’s ‘Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances‘ Campaign 2018-19

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Safety and health at work is everyone’s concern. It’s good for you. It’s good for business.
EU-OSHA: WHAT WE DO AND DON’T DO – AND WITH WHAT

✓ Collect, analyse and disseminate Information
✓ Make legislation
✓ Inspect workplaces
✓ Enforce the law

- Budget: EUR ~15 m of which EUR ~ 8 m operational
- Staff: ~ 64 staff
Current and emerging issues in the healthcare sector, including home and community care

European Risk Observatory
Executive summary
MAIN BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL RISKS IN HOME CARE

Biological risks

Unsanitary conditions, patients’ health conditions, poor-quality water

Sharp instruments, animal bites

Dangerous substances

Cleaning agents, disinfectants

Medical waste
Risk Assessment for Care Workers

Summary
The principal objective of home care is the provision of support to enable service users to be cared for in their own home for as long as possible, or to
# Risk Assessment for Care Workers

## General checklist
The general checklist in Part A is a tool to help identify hazards in the carer’s workplace.

### Part A: Does the hazard exist at the workplace?

YES – if you have ticked at least one answer in a field marked with ☐

*Please note that the list below does not cover all the possible cases in which there are hazards.*

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<th>QUESTION</th>
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<td><strong>1. DRIVING TO THE PATIENT’S HOME</strong></td>
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EU-OSHA PRACTICAL TOOLS - OIRA

Residential care activities

OIRA Tools

The tool covers the following modules: OSH Management; Premises of the enterprise; Work equipment, plants and facilities; Used materials and products; Working environment; Work activities and work processes; Manual handling of loads; Work...

> See more

Access the tool

Health care establishments (small enterprises)

OIRA Tools

...this tool is intended for small health care establishments (e.g. general physicians, dentists etc.). These workplaces can be characterized by multiple risk factors such as: biological risks rel...

> See more

Access the tool
Campaign activities
NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS  EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Press conferences.
- Press releases.
- Good practices exchange visits.
- Media trainings.
- Interviews.
- Tripartite visits.
- Info points.
- Journalists visit and roundtables.

Number of events

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79%
- Training and coaching.
- Workshops and seminars.
- Conferences.
- Benchmarking activities.
- Online activities (social media).
Campaign content
NINE CAMPAIGN MESSAGES (1)

- Work together to tackle risks from dangerous substances – establish a prevention culture
- Dangerous substances – they affect your workplace, too
- Managing dangerous substances - as relevant and important as ever
- Follow the legislation - apply the most effective prevention measures first
- First try to eliminate the risk – consider practical solutions for substitution
Managing dangerous substances - guidance and support are available

Pay particular attention to carcinogens

Some groups of workers are especially at risk – take their needs into account

Be aware that there is a legislative framework to protect workers from dangerous substances
Campaign products
MAIN ENTRY POINT - CAMPAIGN WEBSITE

- Campaign website & back-office  www.healthy-workplaces.eu
DATABASE OF RESOURCES

Mapping of Member State information material linked to exposure to dangerous substances at work places.
Current number of resources from Member states: 239

Mapping of EU and international information material linked to exposure to dangerous substances at work
Current number of resources from EU and international: 207

Collection of good examples of visualisation of the risks related to dangerous substances at work places
Current number of visual resources: 240

Case studies – description of practical examples
Currently: 17
DATABASE OF RESOURCES – FILTER OPTION WORK TASKS

> Occupational guide: care facilities and home care
The guide provides an overview of some of the most common occupational safety and health problems in home care and care facilities. It deals with different issues concerning dangerous substances, such as visiting houses that contain asbestos, exposure to irritants as a result of...  
Provider: Working life portal  
Country: Estonia  
Language: Estonian

> Current and emerging occupational safety and health (OSH) issues in the healthcare sector, including home and community care
This report gives an overview of the current and emerging occupational safety and health (OSH) issues...  
Provider: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work  
Country: EU  
Language: English

> E-fact 35: Risk assessment for care workers
Following a brief introduction to home care work and occupational safety and health (OSH) issues related to care worker activities, this e-fact includes sections on how to do a risk assessment and how to use a checklist. An example of a general checklist to help answer the question...  
Provider: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work  
Country: EU  
Language: English

> Safe pages
The 'Safe pages' are intended to support employers in their duty to ensure the health and safety of their workers. They provide information on all relevant occupational safety and health (OSH) issues. They focus on the typical hazards of different industries. Currently, information...  
Provider: German Statutory Accident Insurance for Health and Welfare Services — BGW  
Country: Germany  
Language: German

> Skin protection and hygiene plans for 25 professions
The German Statutory Accident Insurance for Health and Welfare Services (BGW) offers skin protection and hand hygiene plans for workers working in 25 different sectors. They outline how workers can protect, clean and take care of their hands at work. The skin protection plans...  
Provider: German Statutory Accident Insurance for Health and Welfare Services — BGW  
Country: Germany  
Language: German

> The world needs your hands
Caring for your hands requires careful consideration. The short leaflet focuses on the risk of occupational skin diseases in the social and healthcare sector, providing information about the risks of wet work. It includes the life story of a young woman who had to leave her job...  
Provider: Arbejdsmiljøet — the website of the employer association of the welfare and public administration sectors  
Type: Other  
Country: Denmark  
Language: Danish

> Report — new risks and trends in the safety and health of women at work

www.healthy-workplaces.eu
CAMPAIGN INFO SHEETS

Info sheets can be translated based on request from Member States

Info sheet 1  Substitution of dangerous substances at work places
Info sheet 2  Legislation – dangerous substances at work places

Soon available in 2018
Info sheet 3  Guidance and support for managing dangerous substances at work places
Info sheet 4  Nanomaterials at work places

Summary  Facts and figures on dangerous substances

Planned for 2019
Info sheet 5  Groups of workers with particular risks
Info sheet 6  Carcinogens at work places
CAMPAIGN INFO SHEETS

Substitution of dangerous substances in the workplace

Key Points
- Exposure to dangerous substances in the workplace continues to be a major safety and health issue. The health effects can be life-changing and even fatal.
- The best way to reduce the risks is elimination and substitution — removing the substance by changing the process or product in which it is used or replacing it with a less dangerous one.
- Substitution is a stepwise process — a complete risk assessment is a key step in the process.
- By working together, management and workers can build a strong risk prevention culture in which substitution is part of prevention and protection routines.

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NAPO AND NAPETTE

Napo in... danger: chemicals!

Napo in... dust at work – let’s manage occupational dust exposure!
Campaign case studies
CASE STUDIES

Description of good practices in managing dangerous substances at work places
Harmonised description of four to six pages

- Select one good practice solution, from substitution to PPE...
- or an approach that reduces a specific risk with a set of different measures, from technology to training and motivation measures.

- Controlling chemicals in the cleaning sector — less is more
- Limiting exposure to dangerous substances in the cleaning sector
Interactive e-tool
Dangerous Substances
Find and reduce the safety and health hazards from dangerous substances and chemical products at the workplaces in your company.

You can decide to start with a very short questionnaire (Quick Start) with seven questions or immediately start with a more detailed questionnaire of 36 questions. (My Chemical Guide). If you use the long questionnaire you can save your answers and continue later. You will also be able to print a report including your answers, a checklist about To-Do’s and recommendations for good practices and measures.

**QUICK START**

7 Questions

Seven questions will prompt you to answers about your current practices with dangerous substances and chemical products. If improvements are needed, you immediately get tips and advice on what you need to do and how you can do it as easily and efficiently as possible.

When you’re done with the seven questions, you can also continue with the longer questionnaire. This will help you with a more accurate analysis of the rules applicable to the chemical products and dangerous substances. You will also receive tips and advice tailored to your company regarding procedures for safe.

**MY CHEMICAL GUIDE**

Up to 36 Questions

The long questionnaire will help you with a more accurate analysis of your current situation related to chemical products and dangerous substances. You will also receive a report containing your answers, To-Do’s, recommendations and advice. In this report, the advice is tailored to the needs of your company or work places based on your responses. You will be informed about procedures and good practice measures that help you to create a good and safe chemical work environment.
The user gives input on:

**Risks** – Which dangerous substances are present in which work tasks?

**Practices** - Which routines do you practice – risk assessment, training and instruction, register of DS, collection and use the safety data sheets?

**Measures** – Which measures like exhaustion, PPE, emergency eye wash, substitution do you use/apply?
INTERACTIVE E-TOOL ‘Dangerous Substances’

Based on this info the user receives a tailored report on his/her situation in the enterprise / at the work places.

This includes recommendations for improvements - in form of a report - and a checklist for easier follow-up.

The e-tool is based on KEMIGuiden from PREVENT Sweden.

The current e-tool works - with often very general – EU regulation and needs adaptation to the national legislation.
Thank you for your attention

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