



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

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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



EU-OSHA INFO's

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.

	QUESTION	YES	NO
1. DRIVING TO THE PATIENT'S HOME			
1.1	Is the client expecting the carer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2	Is the home in a high crime area or an isolated location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE HOME			
2.1	Is the home in a high crime area or an isolated location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EU-OSHA PRACTICAL TOOLS - OIRA

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Order: **Relevance** Showing 1 - 10 from 30


Type ▶
Country ▶
Sector ▶

01/04/2014 - 02:15
Bulgaria Residential care activities

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](#) 

03/09/2018 - 11:45
Latvia Human health activities

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

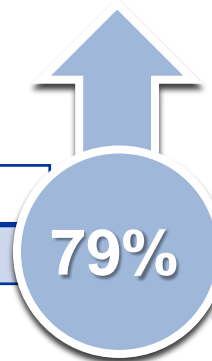
NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



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

▪ Number of events

	2018	2017	2016
HWC activities	232	130	129



NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



- 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

NINE CAMPAIGN MESSAGES (2)

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

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Healthy Workplaces Campaign website. At the top left, there are logos for 'Healthy Workplaces' and the 'European Agency for Safety and Health at Work' with the European Union flag. The main header text reads 'Healthy Workplaces MANAGE DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES 2018-19'. On the right, there is a search bar, a 'Log in' button, and a language dropdown set to 'English'. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: 'HOME', 'ABOUT THE TOPIC', 'TOOLS AND PUBLICATIONS', 'GET INVOLVED', 'CAMPAIGN PARTNERS', and 'MEDIA CENTRE'. The main content area features a large green banner with an illustration of four people (two men and two women) standing around a central globe of hazard symbols. To the right of the illustration, the text reads 'Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2018-2019 Manage Dangerous Substances' and 'Safety and health at work is everyone's concern. It's good for you. It's good for business.' with a '> Find out more' button. Below the banner are three columns: 'About the topic' with an information icon, 'News' with a document icon, and 'Latest Tweets' with a Twitter icon. The 'About the topic' section includes the heading 'What is the issue?' and a paragraph: 'Workers are exposed to dangerous substances in many European workplaces. Such exposures are more common than most people...'. The 'News' section shows two items: one dated 05/01/2018 titled '> State-of-the-art report on reproductive toxicants: Summary available in various ...' and another dated 04/12/2017 titled '> Europe on countdown for the 2018-2019 Healthy Workplaces Campaign'. The 'Latest Tweets' section shows a tweet from EU-OSHA (@EU_OSHA) dated 11:25 AM - Feb 13, 2018, inviting users to join a new #EUhealthyworkplaces awareness raising challenge.

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

Home care

Showing 1 - 7 from 7

Sort by: Relevance Order: DESC

Clear filter

Priority areas:

- All
- Awareness raising (2)
- Facts and figures (1)
- Managing risks (3)
- No specific group (3)
- Specific groups (2)

Type:

Country:

Language:

Sector / Industry:

Work tasks:

Health effects:

Worker groups:

Target groups:

> 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... [> See more](#)

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... [> See more](#)

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... [> See more](#)

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... [> See more](#)

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... [> See more](#)

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... [> See more](#)

Provider: Arbejdsmiljøweb — 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

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.

All info sheets and other campaign materials are available to download from EU-OSHA's Healthy Workplaces Campaign website (<https://healthy-workplaces.eu>).

Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances



NAPO AND NAPETTE

Napo in... danger: chemicals!

Napo in...dust at work – let's manage occupational dust exposure!



Campaign case studies

ENTERPRISE 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

INTERACTIVE E-TOOL 'Dangerous Substances'



DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES E-TOOL | ABOUT THE DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES E-TOOL | GLOSSARY | CONTACT US & FAQs

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 workplaces 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.

INTERACTIVE E-TOOL 'Dangerous Substances'

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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EU OSHA WEBSITE

<https://osha.europa.eu/>

HWC 18-19 CAMPAIGN WEBSITE

<https://healthy-workplaces.eu/>