

# ESSENTIALS OF THE AUSTRIAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STRATEGY 2007 - 2012

## Targets, structure

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With respect to gender aspects, demographic changes, and new employment trends:

- Reduction of accidents at work and of occupational and work-related diseases
- Improving risk assessment, hazard awareness, and activities of prevention experts
- Raising awareness and education of OSH

### Co-operating institutions

- Ministries, state governments
- Social partners, regulatory agencies
- Accident insurance companies
- Safety engineering and occupational health centres
- Universities and research centres and
- Companies, associations
- other stakeholder groups

### Structure

- Federal Minister of Labour: commissioned the OSH – Advisory Board (OSH-AB)
- OSH - Advisory Board: regularised by law
- OSH – Expert Committee: appointed by OSH-AB
- Five working groups: appointed by OSH-AB
- Co-ordination: Central Labour Inspectorate

### Five Subject areas

- Risk assessment and hazard awareness
- Accident prevention
- Prevention of work-related and occupational diseases
- Advanced training and information concerning OSH  
Improving the activities of prevention experts
- Raising awareness of OSH

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## Projects of the five working groups (subject areas)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review of evaluation in the cleaning trade</li> <li>2. Folder "Principles of Risk Assessment"</li> <li>3. Questionnaire „Risk Assessment in SMEs"</li> <li>4. Workshop in the frame of the European Week 2008</li> <li>5. Questionnaire „Risk Assessment“ for investigation by the Labour Inspection (LI), the LI of agriculture and forestry and the LI of transport</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review of organisational precautions in the companies for the use of self-propelled work machines</li> <li>2. Folder "Prevention of accidents in the construction sector"</li> <li>3. Folder "Prevention of accidents at wood processing"</li> <li>4. Folder "Prevention of accidents in the metal and electrical industries"</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manual handling of loads in transport and care, 2007, and retail trade and construction, 2008 (European Campaign: Lighten the load)</li> <li>2. AUVAfit: subject "Musculoskeletal and psychological strain"</li> <li>3. Conference „Back and psyche under pressure"</li> <li>4. Workshops in the frame of the European Week 2008 with the subject "Musculoskeletal and psychological strain"</li> <li>5. Guidelines "Prevention of musculoskeletal and psychological strain"</li> <li>6. Impulses towards stress at work</li> <li>7. Implementing the controlling feature method (manual handling of loads) at construction sites</li> <li>8. „Char with care – healthy hands achieve more"</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluation of training facilities for safety experts</li> <li>2. Questionnaire on preventive services</li> <li>3. Certification of advanced training</li> <li>4. Sensitising to occupational safety and health at schools providing vocational education</li> <li>5. Integration of occupational safety and health into vocational education</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Best Practice - Awareness raising campaign for enterprises from enterprises</li> <li>2. Good Practice - Practical solutions to minimise strain from manual handling of loads</li> <li>3. Sectoral solutions and failure management for SMEs</li> <li>4. Explosion protection in SMEs of certain branches</li> </ul>  |

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