

## HEADLINES

### TO KEEP IN MIND

**Changes in working conditions and consumption of psychoactive substances during the Covid-19 epidemic**

This survey, organised by the Interministerial Mission for Combating Drugs and Addictive Behaviours (MILDECA) and its partners, conducted on 4,000 employees, sheds light on the prevention of the consumption of psychotropic substances during the epidemic.

**The compensation fund for pesticide poisoning victims**

This fund, set up early 2020, enables better care for workers exposed to pesticides and recognition of the effects on subsequent generations.

**INRS webinars: programme, registration, replay at [www.inrs.fr/webinaires](http://www.inrs.fr/webinaires)**

These webinars, hosted by INRS experts, review a specific risk, its assessment and the associated prevention measures. Some are supplemented by a frequently asked questions section.

### INRS INNOVATIONS

## KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES

### BROAD VIEW

**Occupational health and safety research in France**

In France, researchers, estimated at about 1,700 people, work in joint research units, university laboratories, hospitals, specialised establishments and occupational health services.

### FIELD VIEW

**Suffering at work, absenteeism and the organisational model are intricately linked (SUMER 2017)**

Tension at work, lack of recognition and hostile behaviour are three major indicators of psychosocial risks that could lead to absenteeism in particular.

### PRACTICES AND PROFESSIONS

**Recommendations for recognition, through supplementary insurance, of Covid-19 as an occupational disease**

These recommendations provide clarifications to assist the occupational disease recognition committee in evaluating the link between work and contamination by SARS-CoV2.

**Night work and work organisation: frequently asked questions**

Many questions persist concerning the most relevant prevention measures to limit the health effects of night work.

**Work and reproductive risks: thinking ahead so as to improve prevention**

This article addresses the particularities of reproductive risk assessment, the major risks depending on exposure periods and the main areas of prevention.

**INRS's document portal <https://portaildocumentaire.inrs.fr/>**

This portal gives health professionals access to thematic and legal watch bulletins, occupational health and safety dossiers and the INRS Biblio database.

### FOLLOWED FOR YOU

**Exposure to trichloroethylene and cancers. Online seminar, 29 September 2020**

After giving a recap of solvents (properties, classifications, applications), the seminar dealt specifically with trichloroethylene, its toxicity and prevention measures, with special focus on cancers.

**Occupational tuberculosis in 2020: a review. Which environments are affected? What type of prevention should be implemented? Online seminar, 15 October 2020**

Diseases due to tuberculosis bacteria and certain atypical mycobacteria can be recognised as occupational diseases. Health professionals are the most exposed workers.

## **CLOSE-UP**

### **Opioid pain medication and work**

Existing data concerning work settings show that the reasons for consumption are mainly musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) and psychosocial risk factors.

### **The legal framework for post-occupational medical surveillance**

Post-occupational medical surveillance is set up to early detect disease after the end of exposure.

## **REFERENCE TOOLS**

### **YOUR QUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS**

#### **Breaks: the applicable texts**

How are breaks, in particular lunch breaks, organised?

#### **High-field magnetic resonance imaging (MRI): the risks and obligations**

What are the main elements to be known in terms of prevention and organisation of occupational health follow-up?

## **WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

January to September 2021