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HEADLINES

TO KEEP IN MIND

Radiological monitoring of worker exposure. Publication of a white paper

Publication of a white paper in the follow-up to discussions initiated by the DGT (French labour executive), the ASN (French nuclear safety authority) and the IRSN (Institute for Radiological Protection and Nuclear Safety) aiming to simplify the regulatory system for radiological monitoring of workers.

Law No. 2015-994 of 17 August 2015 relating to social dialogue and employment. Parliament. *Official bulletin* of 18 August 2015 - pp. 14 346-76

The «Rebsamen law» modifies the provisions in the French labour code relating to occupational medical monitoring, strain and the organisations representing workers.

The collection of "Toxicological datasheets" transformed into a database as of January 2016! The toxicological datasheets will be available in a database accessible on-line in two formats, and their update will be simplified.

Cancers Pro Actu and Cancers Pro Doc. Information tools relating to the prevention of occupational cancers

These two tools, aimed at occupational physicians and other healthcare professionals, effectively gather together and disseminate the information available on occupational cancers.

CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH

SUMER 2016-2017 issues

By extending its target population to all ministry officials, the new SUMER survey will monitor the trends related to occupational risk exposure and provide new indicators, as requested.

KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES

BROAD VIEW

Alcohol and work

This article helps occupational health professionals to understand alcohol consumption, gives them the means to assess it and to suggest both individual and collective preventive measures.

FIELD VIEW

Effects on health of working conditions for employees of a home-care service provider

Recommendations were formulated based on a questionnaire to assess working conditions experienced by employees of a company providing home-care services.

Outdoor air quality in an airport setting: metrological study

The results of a campaign monitoring outdoor air quality in an airport area show low levels of most pollutants, but significant levels of diesel exhaust particles.

Exposure to carcinogens, mutagens and reprotoxic agents: focus on eight chemicals

The SUMER 2010 survey studied exposure to eight CMR agents and examined changes in exposure levels compared to the results of the 2003 survey.

FOLLOWED FOR YOU

Health, prevention of strain and career path. 33rd National Building and Civil engineering days. Limoges, 27-29 May 2015.

After an introduction on strain, diseases affecting the spine and shoulders in the building and civil engineering sector were presented.

Occupational health news. Recent opinions and reports. French society for occupational health. Paris, 12 June 2015

Shift work, «ototoxic» hazard identification, analysis of data from the RNV3P (French national network for surveillance and prevention of occupational diseases) consultation, study of Bisphenol A and S, etc. were all addressed during this one-day meeting.

REFERENCE TOOLS

OCCUPATIONAL ALLERGY

Work aggravated asthma

Work aggravated asthma is generally defined as asthma which existed prior to occupational exposure for which the symptoms are aggravated by this exposure.

YOUR QUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS

Mould in an archive storage area

What are the health effects and how should workers be monitoring?

Working in open-space offices

What are the health effects?

Exposure to fluids or soiled linen from patients treated with cytotoxic agents

What are the risks for healthcare personnel?

WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January to September 2016

TRAINING

Training sessions

FOR YOUR PERUSAL

Selection of books and articles

LEGAL

Official texts relating to occupational health and safety, published between 1 August and 31 October 2015