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# **HEADLINES**

### TO KEEP IN MIND

Social Security continues to raise awareness about back pain and rallies businesses

Five sectors are particularly affected: transportation and logistics, building and construction, personal care and assistance, waste management and commerce.

Prevention of noise in the workplace: INRS warns about sound masking systems in open-plan offices Collective measures, such as acoustic treatments, confinement of noisy equipment, adjustment of office layout, etc. are most effective.

#### INRS INNOVATIONS

### **CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH**

- Exposure to cutting fluid and early markers of effect: oxidative stress, inflammation and genotoxicity
- Occupational health challenges in micro-enterprises
- Thermal spraying and welding: biological and atmospheric assessments of occupational exposure to chromium and nickel

# KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES

#### FIELD VIEW

### SUMER 2016-2017 survey: review of the data collection

In 2016-2017, the survey covered all employees in the private sector and, for the first time, employees in all facets of public service excluding non-teaching staff employed by the ministry of education.

# Nail technicians: working conditions, perception of risks and prevention in Île-de-France

This survey raised nail technicians' awareness of occupational risks and served to establish business sheets geared towards a suitable prevention technique.

### Prevention practices for night work: the case of Alsace

The primary prevention actions (working hours and work patterns, breaks, etc.) and secondary actions (raising workers' awareness) put in place, as well as their limits have been collected.

Evaluation of psychosocial risk factors: the role of the occupational health nurse in deploying the «RPS-DU» tool (tool for identifying psychosocial risks) out in businesses

Using the RPS-DU tool, business drew up a map of psychosocial risk factors which they used to draft an action plan to be adjusted every year.

### PRACTICES AND PROFESSIONS

Occupational burnout: sheet outlining guidelines and handling of patients intended for occupational physicians

The aim of this sheet is to structure and standardise practices, propose a procedure to follow when handling cases of occupational burnout.

#### **FOLLOWED FOR YOU**

To keep workers employed or to support the job? The importance of health in career paths

Actions and studies conducted in occupational health services, town halls and the aeronautics sector investigated the relationships between work, health, employment, age and skills.

Personal care and assistance: risks and prevention. Symposium held by INRS and CARSAT Sud-Est, 35<sup>th</sup> national occupational medicine and health congress

This symposium, enriched with feedback, reviewed approaches to prevent musculoskeletal disorders and psychosocial risks.

Innovative practices in intercompany occupational health services. 13<sup>th</sup> national day of the French association of occupational risk prevention practitioners in intercompany occupational health services (AFISST)

Different innovative tools to support businesses' in their occupational risk prevention approach were presented.

#### **CLOSE-UP**

### How is «workaholism» relevant in this digital era?

This behaviour should not be addressed unilaterally but within a reciprocal relationship between individuals and their jobs, particularly with the new production and organisational models.

## REFERENCE TOOLS

### YOUR QUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS

Exposure to leather dust

What medical surveillance should be put in place?

### Hand dryers

What type of installation should be selected?

### **OCCUPATIONAL ALLERGOLOGY**

### Allergic contact dermatitis caused by acrylates and methacrylates

These substances mainly affect the personnel in the following sectors: nail cosmetics, dentistry, graphic arts, manufacturing and use of coatings, glues and adhesives, putties, dyes, etc.

# WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

February to October 2019

#### **TRAINING**

**Training sessions** 

### FOR YOUR PERUSAL

Selection of books and articles