

HEADLINES

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TO KEEP IN MIND

Psychosocial hazards: repair and prevention

These four surveys relate to the prevention and repair of psychosocial hazards in workers who presented at occupational disorder consultation centres in the Nord-Picardie region (France).

Respiratory protective equipment, respirators: PRÉMÉDIA a software to determine when to change the filter

This tool now takes into account mixtures of pollutants, relative air humidity, and risks linked to the re-use of filter cartridges.

Types of cancer and occupational situations presenting a risk: summary of the data from the RNV3P network

Analysis of the RNV3P data identifies occupational exposure and situations requiring vigilance and preventive actions.

Changes to technical recommendations in INRS toxicology factsheets

Divided under two headings, this part lists all the technical recommendations applicable to manipulation and storage, as well as actions to implement in emergency situations.

New version of the MSA's (French Agricultural Social Mutual Fund) occupational health and safety website

The ssa.msa.fr website, which presents all the occupational health and safety resources related to agriculture, has been updated. Searches are now possible using keywords, branch or risk.

Acute lower back pain and multidisciplinary management: preventing the transition to chronicity and promoting return to occupational activity

The French Social Insurance system has published a new information leaflet and is setting up a new range of services, the advisory service, specifically for use by occupational health professionals.

Decree No. 2019-312 of 11 April 2019 revising and completing the tables of occupational diseases annexed to book VII of the Rural and maritime fishing code

This decree indicates the malignant non-Hodgkin's lymphomas covered by occupational diseases table No. 59 of the agricultural scheme relating to malignant hemopathies caused by pesticides.

INRS INNOVATIONS

Brochures

CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH

Thermal spraying and welding: biological and atmospheric assessments of occupational exposure to chromium and nickel

KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES

BROAD VIEW

Working in a hot atmosphere

This document summarises the physiological effects of heat and the related health risks. Risk assessment, preventive measures and regulations are also covered.

FIELD VIEW

Correlation between driving a light vehicle and musculoskeletal disorders in mail and parcel delivery activities

The effect of driving as part of parcel/mail delivery activities on lower back pain, MSD and perceived health is analysed in this study, opening avenues for preventive actions.

Assessing exposure to chemicals by surface sampling

A protocol to establish surface sampling methods was developed to harmonise the practices of those involved in prevention.

PRACTICES AND PROFESSIONS

What should be done when a contagious disease occurs in a workplace setting?

An investigative approach is proposed for optimal risk assessment following confirmed exposure to a person-to-person transmissible pathogen. EFICATT will help to define the appropriate actions to be undertaken.

FOLLOWED FOR YOU

Musculoskeletal disorders - Continued employment. 25th IIMTPIF (Interuniversity Occupational Health Institute, Paris Île-de-France) research day. Paris, 20 March 2019

The day covered MSD, with an intervention on exoskeletons. Continued employment and occupational detachment were dealt with based on Pro MSDs and the new recommendations from the HAS (French National Authority for Health).

CLOSE-UP

Adjustment of respiratory protective devices and work

To ensure respiratory protection, facepieces must be completely airtight. This article describes the types of fit tests to be performed.

Intelligent individual protection system (IIPS): definition, analysis, selection

After defining the term IIPS, this article presents elements of analysis to guide future users and employers when purchasing this type of product.

REFERENCE TOOLS

YOUR QUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS

Exposure to chemicals: monitoring workers' health status

What elements should be taken into consideration when advising an employer who is establishing a list of workers for whom reinforced individual follow-up should be implemented?

Exposure to radon

How is the risk assessed?

Use of a Swiss ball as workplace seating

What are the advantages and disadvantages?

RADIOPROTECTION: RESEARCH SECTOR

Electrical devices emitting X-rays

This factsheet relates to the use of electrical devices emitting X-rays, in continuous or pulsed field. It is aimed at those involved in radioprotection and users.

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