

HEADLINES

TO KEEP IN MIND

INRS toxicology factsheets. Review of the user satisfaction survey. October-December 2018

The survey mainly focused on the new elements: a more intuitive interface, consultation on all types of media, creation of summary factsheets, and harmonised protocol wording and format.

ProtecPo software gets a makeover

This software helps users to select personal protective equipment. It has been updated with a more complete database, a larger number of material, and now also takes experimental data into account.

The Occupational risks branch of the French Health insurance scheme offers 17 grants to help small companies to prevent occupational risks

Eight activity sectors are specifically targeted: Hospitality industry, Building and public works, Personal care and assistance, Hygiene/cleaning, Garage/repairs, Hairdressing, and Transport and logistics.

INRS INNOVATIONS

CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH

- Chemical risk assessment: improvement of Seirich's algorithms
- Occupational exposure to amorphous nanostructured silica: biomarkers of early effects

KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES

BROAD VIEW

Atypical working hours (night shifts): what effects do they have on occupational health and safety?

Interrupted work, split shifts, evening or Sunday shifts; on-call, with varied, unpredictable, flexible hours, are increasingly common but the effects of these work patterns are not well known.

FIELD VIEW

Diagnosis of asthma during individual monitoring of occupational health

Work-related asthma includes asthma aggravated by stimuli in the occupational environment and occupationally-induced asthma, caused directly by the environment in the workplace.

Occupational exposure to cytotoxic drugs during Pressurized Intra-Peritoneal Aerosol Chemotherapy (PIPAC)

Testing urine and surface samples for cisplatin reveals persistent contamination of floors and injectors despite cleaning.

First results of the SUMER 2017 survey: how has worker exposure to occupational risks changed over the last twenty years?

This fourth edition shows, among other things, that exposure to physical constraints (except for noise) has dropped overall, whereas exposure to chemicals remains relatively stable.

PRACTICES AND PROFESSIONS

Theoretical and historical aspects of the assessment of complex preventive interventions in occupational health and safety: examples of MSD and PSR

Following on from the recent scientific assessment, the characteristics of complex interventions to prevent musculoskeletal disorders and psychosocial risks are considered.

Circular economy: a projection exercise to identify future challenges in occupational health and safety

The circular economy aims to increase resource use efficiency and to reduce the impact of human activity on the environment, while also developing individual well-being.

FOLLOWED FOR YOU

Noise and vibrations in the workplace. Symposium organised by INRS (French Research and Safety Institute for the Prevention of Occupational Accidents and Diseases). Nancy, 9-11 April 2019

This symposium shed light on the prevention of these two issues and how our knowledge has evolved.

What preventive approaches for very small businesses? 14th AFISST (French association for occupational risk prevention professionals working in intercompany occupational health services) day. Paris, 20 June 2019

This day addressed how best to contact very small businesses, sensitising them to occupational health and safety with a view to developing first-line preventive actions.

Tomorrow's work, today's experience. Annual "Ages and work" seminar by CREAPT (Centre for research into experience, age and populations in the workplace). Paris, 27-29 May 2019

From current experiments, how can we imagine the future of new forms of work: robotisation, collaborative organisations, or other changes?

CLOSE-UP

"Strain" and traceability of exposure: datasheets and certificates. Review of the documents created, retained or eliminated

The "strain" system and factsheet which ensured traceability of exposure to strain were replaced by a paperless declaration of exposure in 2015.

REFERENCE TOOLS

YOUR QUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS

Use of magnesia

What are the risks, and what preventive approaches should be implemented?

What procedures should be implemented to deal with behavioural problems in the workplace?

What procedures should be implemented to deal with a worker presenting an acute behavioural disorder?

WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2019 to June 2020

TRAINING

Training sessions

FOR YOUR PERUSAL

Selection of books and articles