

HEADLINES

TO KEEP IN MIND

Ototoxicity: critical effect of the Swiss limit values

Some chemicals can increase the harmful effects of noise. This observation has led to the establishment of critical toxicity values.

Chemical risks upon opening maritime containers

The gases emitted can be due to fumigation or desorption of merchandise. Specific ventilation should be set up, and means to detect gases should be provided with information on the risks.

Latest news on ergonomics-related standardisation. Pre-conference workshop, National occupational health conference, Lille, June 2014

The objective of this workshop was to show those working in occupational health services how the standards in ergonomics (load handling, lighting...) contribute to prevention.

Decree No. 2014-798 of 11 July 2014 covering various occupational health-related provisions

This decree presents various modifications and provides precisions on how occupational health services should be run, in particular regulations relating to missions of *collaborateurs médecins* (physicians training to specialise in occupational medicine).

Decree No. 2014-799 of 11 July 2014 covering various occupational health-related provisions

This decree clarifies the meaning of some provisions relating to the organisation of occupational health services in order to respond to difficulties encountered with the interpretation of decree No. 2012-137 of 30 January 2012.

INRS INNOVATIONS

Brochures and multimedia

CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH

- Assessing occupational exposure to DiNP and its effects on plasma testosterone concentrations
- Epidemiological monitoring of workers potentially exposed to nanomaterials using EpiNano

KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES

BROAD VIEW

Conceptual research and development with respect to well-being at work: between measurement and action

Two intervention methods are presented. Both of them are adapted to the company's size and make steering of concerted improvements to organisational aspects possible.

FIELD VIEW

Lead exposure for stained glass artists: assessment and prevention

This study assessed lead exposure in 3 stained glass workers, showing that the digestive route, due to hand-mouth transfer, is the main source of contamination.

Detection, expertise and consideration of new occupational diseases («emerging diseases»). Approach developed by the mv3p (French national network for vigilance and prevention of occupational diseases)

The approach, based on clinical observations, is completed by a statistical analysis. Occupational physicians have an important role to play in maintaining vigilance on occupational health.

Hostile behaviour in the workplace: over 20% of workers are estimated to be exposed

According to the SUMER 2010 survey, hostile behaviour can take multiple forms, most often emerging from team aspects and is exacerbated when work organisation is altered.

Occupational exposure for maintenance personnel. Exploiting the SUMER 2003 survey

This study, based on the SUMER 2003 survey, aims to identify how occupational exposure in maintenance workers differs from exposure in production workers.

PRACTICES AND PROFESSIONS

Recommendations on the documents necessary to assess the causal link between a psychological disorder and work conditions by the CRRMP (French regional committees for the recognition of occupational diseases)

This document lists and explains the contents of informative documents, and the advantages of making them available to CRRMP for the establishment of a link between psychological disorders and work.

Subjective assessment of workload. Use of the Borg scales

Sample studies carried out in a laboratory and in a working situation are presented to support the case for the use of Borg scales and their advantages when reviewing working conditions.

FOLLOWED FOR YOU

Disability and work. INMA (French national institute for agricultural health) symposium

Disabled people are fragile in the workplace because their social position is difficult to identify and maintain despite evolving legislation.

Occupational health nurses. 11th GIT (Grouping of occupational health nurses) study and training days

Occupational health nurses, their place, their role, their training, their health... were the themes addressed during this conference.

33rd National occupational health conference

This final synthesis recalls the 6 current themes and the guiding line of strain covered during the congress, revealing the vitality of occupational health services.

CLOSE-UP

Workaholism: current state of knowledge

Workaholism is a behavioural addiction, some of its risk factors can be linked to work organisation.

REFERENCE TOOLS

OCCUPATIONAL ALLERGY

Contact dermatitis in woodworking professions

Woodworking professions are exposed to numerous chemical irritants and allergens. Diagnosis relies on allergy testing with specialised batteries of allergens and the products used in the professions.

OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES TABLES: COMMENTS

Decree No. 2014-605 of 6 June 2014, and comments. This decree revises and completes the occupational diseases tables annexed to book IV of the French Social Security Code

Amendments table No. 40 about tuberculosis

YOUR QUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS

What steps should be taken during hot-wire polystyrene cutting?

What are the risks for workers linked to this procedure? What technical and medical preventive measures should be implemented?

Stress and electronic messaging systems. What prevention should be implemented?

Information and communication technologies (ICT) are increasingly seen as sources of risks. What effects do they have on health? How can these be prevented?

WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FOR YOUR PERUSAL

Selection of books and articles

TRAINING

Training sessions

LEGAL

Official texts relating to occupational health and safety, published between 1st May and 18 July 2014