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## **HEADLINES**

#### TO KEEP IN MIND

## Support after an occupational accident. A new health service

In December 2014, the Health Insurance system set up a new department to support the medical, social and occupational rehabilitation process after an occupational accident.

Percutaneous absorption and skin protection with respect to chemical risk: two tools available INRS has made two online tools available. The IH SkinPerm database and ProtecPo software.

Occupational risks and prevention of occupational accidents and diseases: perception in companies employing fewer than 50 workers

The main contact for questions related to occupational health and safety is the department of occupational health. The most commonly used measures are personal protective equipment.

#### **INRS INNOVATIONS**

Brochures

### **CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH**

Identification and description of occupational asthma

# **KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES**

#### **BROAD VIEW**

Biological indicators of early effects. Their use in the prevention of chemical risks in occupational health Biological indicators of effects and early effects can be used to verify the efficacy of preventive practices, to anticipate management and improve exposure conditions.

#### Musculoskeletal disorders of the spine in childminders

Information on the prevention of occupational risks and the possible adaptations to the workstation must be underlined during the initial training provided to childminders.

## FIELD VIEW

Assessing occupational exposure to refractory ceramic fibres in heating technicians in the Finistère region

This atmospheric sampling campaign involving heating technicians reveals exposure to refractory ceramic fibres during maintenance work.

### **FOLLOWED FOR YOU**

Health and safety of equestrian professionals. INMA (French national institute for agricultural health) symposium, Tours, 12 September 2014

This day was devoted to the health and safety of workers in the equestrian sector due to a high accident rate, and growing interest in this sector.

Emerging problems in occupational health. Strain, psychosocial risks, ageing. 28<sup>th</sup> SHMTAIA (French Society for occupational hygiene and medicine in the armed forces and the armament industry) conference, Poitiers, 16 and 17 October 2014

During this conference, occupational health was addressed through various themes, from organisational risks to physical and chemical risks. Data from the SUMER 2010 survey was also discussed.

Physical risks and work. SFMT (French society for occupational health) day, Paris, 10 October 2014
The risks related to optical and ionising radiation, vibrations and electromagnetic fields were addressed during this day.

#### **CLOSE-UP**

## Ebola virus disease (EVD) and occupational health

Prevention of transmission of the virus relies on the early detection and notification of cases, their isolation and handling by appropriately protected carers.

# REFERENCE TOOLS

## **OCCUPATIONAL ALLERGY**

## Occupational contact dermatitis in the printing sector

In this sector, the main irritants and allergens responsible for dermatitis are solvents, acids, alkaline products, ink components, resins and varnishes.

#### **PSYCHOSOCIAL HAZARDS**

## Occupational Stress Indicator (OSI)

This questionnaire can be used to assess factors contributing to stress, adaptation strategies and related health effects.

### YOUR OUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS

## Saturnism and shooting ranges

Is there a reprotoxic risk for women police officers due to exposure to lead during training on shooting ranges?

## Lumbar support: personal protective equipment or therapeutic device?

Can an employer make a lumbar support belt available to a worker without medical advice?

# 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 January and 31 March 2015