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Occupational Injuries and Health in the Workplace: Planning of Prevention Interventions, Organizational Models and Support Tools for Companies

Message from the Guest Editors

The evolution of legislation on health and safety in the workplace has led to a progressive conceptual change from a more objective approach to prevention to a more subjective model. Alongside this, the core role of the individuals inside the organization is increasingly recognized as a quality factor in the whole safety management system at workplace. Prevention is not just a matter of people's health and safety at work, or indeed of compliance with the legislation, but it also means building on education, adopting organizational measures and creating strategies to enhance working conditions for shared welfare. In addition, it is important to plan intervention programs to refund victims of accidents. The current OSH law promotes interventions and new tools for prevention which are both addressed to companies and people-centered. They should support OSH training and promotion and meanwhile encourage companies to adopt safety management systems and organizational models which fit the new prevention concepts.

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