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ABSTRACT

Healthy Workplaces Manage dangerous substances EU-OSHA campaign—results and experiences in Hungary

Background

Exposure to dangerous substances is much more common in Europe's workplaces than most people imagine. Dangerous substances at work can cause a wide range of health problems and diseases, as well as posing safety risks.

Methods

The 2018-19 campaign aims to raise awareness of the risks posed by dangerous substances in the workplace and to promote a culture of risk prevention.

The campaign has the following objectives:

- to raise awareness of the importance and relevance of managing dangerous substances in European workplaces;
- to promote risk assessment, elimination and substitution, as well as the hierarchy of prevention measures;
- to raise awareness of the risks linked to exposure to carcinogens at work;

- to target groups of workers with specific needs and increased levels of risk (for example, women, migrants and young people);
- to increase awareness of policy developments and the current legislative framework.

Results

National Focalpoints have an important role in dissemination of EU-OSHA messages. Across the EU 28 Member States and the 3 EEA countries more than 220 campaign activities have organised in the first year of the campaign (2018).

Conclusion

The consequences of exposure to dangerous substances can have a negative effect on quality of life or even be fatal. It is therefore crucial to prevent such risks in all workplaces — no sector is completely free from dangerous substances. Promoting a prevention culture in workplaces will benefit workers, management and even the environment.