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Occupational Safety and Health in Ukraine

Occupational safety and health (also commonly referred to as occupational health and safety) is an area concerned with protecting the safety, health and welfare of people engaged in work of employment. The goals of occupational safety and health programs include to foster a safe and healthy work environment.

The problem of providing a safe and harmless working conditions in Ukraine has always existed, as evidenced by the accident statistics: 125.000 people were injured annually ten years ago. However, the present state of labor and occupational injury rate at the time suppressed. For these reasons, many important and compelling production targets on labor conditions did not dare.

The consequences of this situation are:

- Backlog of world achievements 15-20 years of domestic science on safety .
- Growth of the occupational injury compared with the same parameters in other industrialized countries as much as 5-8 times. Exceeding almost 2 times per operating payments for benefits and compensation for work in hazardous conditions over expenditure on the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases.
- In 1992, Ukraine adopted the Law "On Labour Protection". This law defined the priorities of the constitutional right of citizens to protect their life and health in the workplace and proclaimed the basic principles of the state policy in the sphere of labor protection .

During the years that have passed since the adoption of the Act such measures were adopted:

- National Council for the safe life of the population under the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine was organized. It develops and implements measures for the establishment of a coherent system of government protection of people's lives at work, organizes the supervision of the implementation of the relevant legislation and decisions of the Government of Ukraine and coordinates the activities of central and local executive bodies related to these problems.
- State Committee on Labour Protection was organized, which supervises the unions state supervision over observance of legislation on the protection of life and health of workers in the entire economy, and safety management at the state level. Now there is a national, sectoral and other programs of labor protection, which had been developed before 2000. The program is financed from special funds created by relevant OSH . Such funds have been introduced by the Law "On Labour Protection" for the first time. Reported funds to some extent have become the economic foundation for the improvement of safety and health .