Masinstreaming OSH into Education: Towards a Culture of Prevention
Experiences in implementation

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Good safety and health attitudes and habits should be developed in school.
It is important to encourage pupils and students to take a constructive part in safety and health
At an early stage of their school careers
Education must contribute to pupil and student understanding of a good working environment.
And develop environmental awareness
So that they are capable of making a positive contribution
To their own safety and health
And to that of their future colleagues
School Legislation in Denmark

- Teaching Occupational Safety and Health has gained a high priority in legislation and curriculum.
- Teaching of Occupational Safety and Health is incorporated in a number of primary school subjects.
- Safety and Health training is mandatory for nearly all school grades.
- We operate with two sets of Safety and Health:
  1) Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)
  2) Educational Safety and Health (ESH)
The challenge
- Is to mainstream OSH into teaching in general
- To implement OSH topics and subjects into general teaching
- So that pupils and students besides OSH knowledge and skills will get OSH competences
Success factors
Inspiring and excellent teaching materials
Not too expensive 😊
Updated and easy to find
(The web portal ungmedjob.dk)
Motivated and well educated teachers
Co-operation at all levels between OSH professionals and educational professionals
Dedicated core persons - at all levels
Barriers

- Lots of other demands (than teaching OSH) in curriculum
- OSH may be neglected and will drown in a multitude of other tasks and subjects
- To get the teachers to realize that you can fulfill the ordinary subject claims and OSH claims at the same time
- That both teachers and pupils are measured on general competences and not necessarily on OSH competences
Many stakeholders with different agendas

- Pupils,
- Parents,
- Teachers,
- School managers
- Representatives from the social partners
- Representatives for the working environment authorities
- Politicians
Thank you for your attention – questions?