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**Institution/project**

On-the-job learner’s safety card

**Short description of the institution/project**

Training Consortium of Central Uusimaa is a federation of municipalities and it supports regional development and local education by providing qualified vocational education in the region.

The participating local districts have some 170 000 inhabitants living in these municipalities. The area is situated between 30-70 kilometres to the north of the capital, Helsinki.

Apprenticeship Training centre organises teaching through the form of contact, distance or multiform learning and also at the workplace in connection with practical work assignments.

**Short biographical note**

A former language teacher who turned her life-long passion of foreign languages into a more global use: european projects. She’s been working with european building projects since 2000, focusing the past two years on „Work Health and Safety“ on European construction sites.

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## On-the-job learner's safety card

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The aim of the on-the-job learner's safety card is

1. to arouse the student's interest in occupational safety and health and
2. to ensure a sufficient level of occupational safety before the on-the-job learning period in a company.

Since 2001 all vocational study programmes in Finland have to include on-the-job learning, which means that a part of the study programme is performed on the job. In order to get the on-the-job learner's safety card, the learners have to prove that they can use the most common tools of the trade. The use of personal protective equipment is also observed. The learner's competence will be shown during the practical exercises and demonstrations included in the study programme. The on-the-job learner's safety card holder must also have completed courses on fire work, first aid and equipment for lifting persons. The completion of the competences required are recorded on a separate list, which the learners receive with the card. The experiment contains also instructions for teachers.