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Institution/project

Jobs please – no injuries

Short description of the institution/project

“Jobs please – no injuries” is a preventive campaign instituted in the County of Vejle. The campaign has inspired the other counties in Denmark to do the same. The whole effort is a collaborative venture in which the county, occupational health and safety clinics, work inspection service, schools and social partners are involved.

The aim is to increase immediately the awareness of OSH in young persons as a matter relevant to themselves.

Short biographical note

Educated teacher, school counsellor and Master of Public Administration (MPA).

Has worked for the Danish Ministry for Education with OSH in curriculum and guidance of young people in transition between school and labour market.

Has worked for the Danish Working Environment Council and for the Danish Sector Safety Council for Education and Research with a project which aim is to strengthen safety and health training and integrate it into general teaching in primary and secondary schools.

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„Jobs please – no injuries“ is a preventive campaign taking these facts into consideration:

- Special emphasis should be put on a strengthening of learning about safety and health at work for children and young persons so that they will, at an early stage, be equipped to tackle any working environment problems they may be facing in their every day spare time jobs or later on the labour market.
- Nearly 80% of Danish pupils have jobs after school hours.
- Young people are not sufficiently prepared to meet health risks at work. Incidence study in Denmark on injury has revealed higher figures among young persons compared to older ones.

The aim of the project is operationalised by means of a complete teaching package centered around a “Safety toolbox”. The project can be divided into four parts:

- Part 1 of the project is “preparation of teachers”. Aim: to motivate and qualify teachers to teach OSH
- Part 2 is to introduce OSH to the pupils and to clarify the relevancy of the topic in their every day spare time jobs
- Part 3 is the practical exercises, a whole day with an experimental setup with four themes: Chemical substances, noise, handling of heavy parts and psychological aspects
- Part 4 is at least 5 hour class teaching/discussion in the weeks following part 3 (the practical exercises).

During the workshop the campaign „Jobs please – not injuries“ will be presented: The background, the whole project, the aims, the effect and process.

The four parts of the learning process will be explained: preparation of the teachers, introduction in the classes, the practical exercises and how to get from experience to perspective, as well as the method with project-work and experimental workshops will be discussed.

The participants will be introduced to some of the experiments related to chemical substances and materials during the workshop.