

ENSURING SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKING CONDITIONS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

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Abstract: *Healthcare industry workers are exposed to numerous risks of injuries, but even more to those of work-related illnesses and diseases. Workers at all levels of healthcare are exposed to biological, chemical and physical hazards, carcinogens and mutagens, psychophysical loads and other harmful factors. In order to be able to take care of their patients' health and the quality of provided services, healthcare workers themselves need to have a safe and healthy workplace environment. The risk assessment in the workplace and workplace environment represents the basic tool that provides both the employer and the employee with an insight into the overall status of safety and health at work, and helps to create such working conditions that would reduce the number of work-related injuries, illnesses and diseases, thus ensuring physical, psychological and social well-being of workers. By creating a safe workplace environment, and by taking care of workers' health, we contribute to higher quality healthcare services.*

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