Health and safety at work during a pandemic

How can standards help?



Particularly in ensuring the quality of medical supplies and devices in Europe and at international level.

During these unprecedented times, standards have played a key role in the collective response to the pandemic





Potentially, standards can further contribute in addressing the health and safety of workers during the COVID-19 outbreak, if they can adapt to the new challenging working conditions.

In line with the ETUC work in facilitating and strengthening the participation of trade unions in standardisation, the ETUC will continue to engage in future standardisation work to ensure that the standards developed to address health and safety at work during a pandemic fully consider the rights and interest of all workers.

Standards coming soon

Occupational health and safety management -Safe working during the COVID-19 pandemic -General guidelines for organisations

ISO 45005

Protecting workers from the risks resulting from a pandemic is of immediate global importance. In this context, the ISO/Technical Committee 283 prepares guidance on OH&S management during the COVID-19 crisis. An international standard is in the pipeline providing more general guidelines on OH&S risks during a pandemic.

Guidance on emergency management of epidemic prevention in the workplace

ISO 41017

ISO/Technical Committee 267 'Facility management' is writing an ISO Guide on emergency management in relation to epidemic prevention in the workplace. The purpose of this guide is to ensure health and safety through facility management in response to outbreaks in all types of workplaces.



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