Health and safety at work during a pandemic

How can standards help?

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

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

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

- Guidance on emergency management of epidemic prevention in the workplace
  - ISO 41017

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