A Review of the Literature on Preventive Occupational Health and Safety Activities in Small Enterprises

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The scientific literature regarding preventive occupational health and safety activities in small enterprises has been reviewed in order to identify effective preventive approaches and to develop a future research strategy. During the last couple of years, there has been a significant increase in the number of studies of small enterprises, but the research community is scattered between many different disciplines and institutions. There is a lack of evaluation of intervention studies, both in terms of effect and practical applicability. However, there is sufficiently strong evidence to conclude that employees of small enterprises are subject to higher risks than the employees of larger ones, and that small enterprises have difficulties in controlling risk. The most effective preventive approaches seem to be simple and low cost solutions, disseminated through personal contact. It is important to develop future intervention research strategies which study the complete intervention system: from the intermediaries through dissemination methods to the resulting preventive activities of the small enterprises.
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A review of the literature on preventive occupational health and safety activities in small enterprises. The philosophy now covers transport, industry, defense, natural disaster, environment and health and other major occurrences such as explosions, fires, and collapse of buildings or structures. In 2003 a multi-sector covering law will establish an independent safety board in The Netherlands. At a European level, mandatory investigation agencies are recognized as indispensable safety instruments for aviation, railways and the maritime sector, for which EU Directives are in place or being progressed. Improving occupational health and safety is in the best interests of all governments, employers and workers, and measures to make improvements should be discussed and agreed among the ILO constituents. Successful health and safety practice is based on collaboration and good will, as well as taking on board the opinions of the people concerned. It is hoped that this book will provide a basis for action to reduce the high numbers of deaths, accidents and diseases related to working life, and thereby contribute to safe and decent work for all. It seems that the rate of fatal and serious injuries in small workplaces (defined as less than 50 employees) is twice that in large workplaces (defined as those with more than 200 employees). Groups at particular risk. The scientific literature regarding preventive occupational health and safety activities in small enterprises has been reviewed in order to identify effective preventive approaches and to develop a future research strategy. During the last couple of years, there has been a significant increase in the number of studies of small enterprises, but the research community is scattered between many different disciplines and institutions. There is a lack of evaluation of intervention studies, both in terms of effect and practical applicability. However, there is sufficiently strong evidence to conclude