

Public Services International



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Working conditions: A question of health and life.

- ▶ 1 worker dies every 15 seconds due to work associated issues
- ▶ 160 have working related accidents every 15 seconds
- ▶ Every day, 6.300 people die as a result of occupational accidents or work-related disease
- ▶ More than 2.3 million deaths per year
- ▶ Over 337 million accidents occur on the job annually

Health a global Issue

- ▶ Poor occupational safety and health practices is estimated at 4 per cent of global Gross Domestic Product each year
- ▶ Different health conditions at work globally:
 - Countries
 - Economic sectors
 - social groups
- ▶ Deaths and injuries take a particularly heavy toll in developing countries
- ▶ Women, children and migrants – are among the most affected

International Labour Organization



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International Labour Organization (ILO). Safety and Health. www.ilo.org

ILO

- ▶ United Nations agency
- ▶ 183 Member states
- ▶ Responsible for:
 - Drawing up international labour standards.
 - Overseeing international labour standards.
 - Brings together representatives of governments, employers and workers to jointly shape policies and programmes promoting Decent Work for all.

ILO Standard setting documents

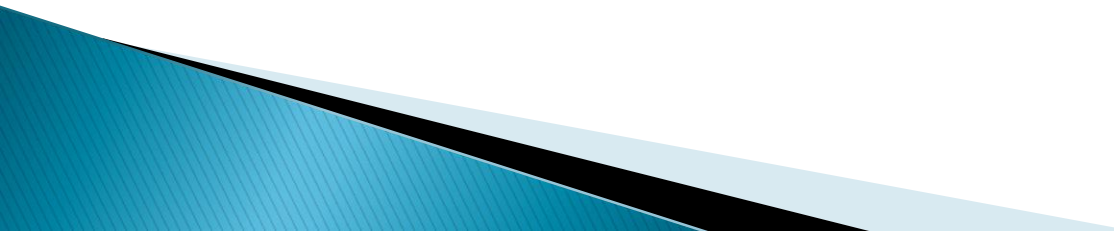
- ▶ Since 1919, ILO has adopted:
 - 189 Conventions
 - 201 Recommendations

- ▶ Concerning occupational health and safety issues:
 - 23 Conventions
 - 16 Recommendations
 - 19 Codes of Practices
 - 1 Protocol.

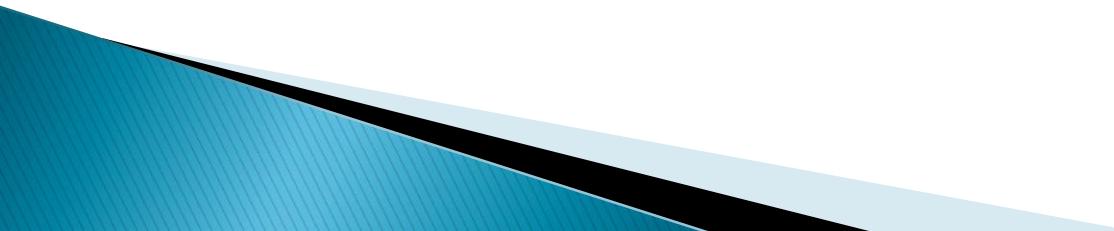
PSI data base

- ▶ PSI is promoting the standards by building a database to be made available to the PSI affiliates through the Health Pages of the new PSI website.

Project

- ▶ Creation of a user-friendly data base on ILO Conventions and Recommendations on Occupational Health and Safety.
 - ▶ The work was started by a former intern, Dominador Tuvera of the Philippines, in 2011.
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Affiliates can easily find:

- The instruments that their countries have ratified.
 - The specific provisions contained in each Convention and Recommendation.
 - Documents written in plain language.
 - Links to the ILO webpage and documents.
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ILO standards

- ▶ Divided into themes:

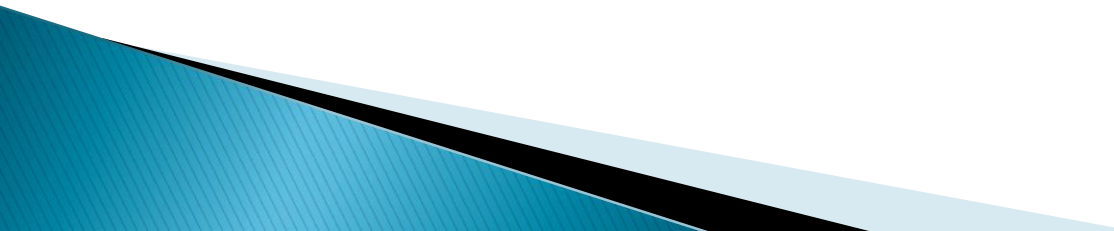
1. Fundamental health principles
2. Specific sectors
3. Specific risks
4. Major hazard control
5. Maternity protection
6. Migrant workers
7. Public contracts
8. Children and young persons
9. ILO Codes of Practices

Fundamental health principles

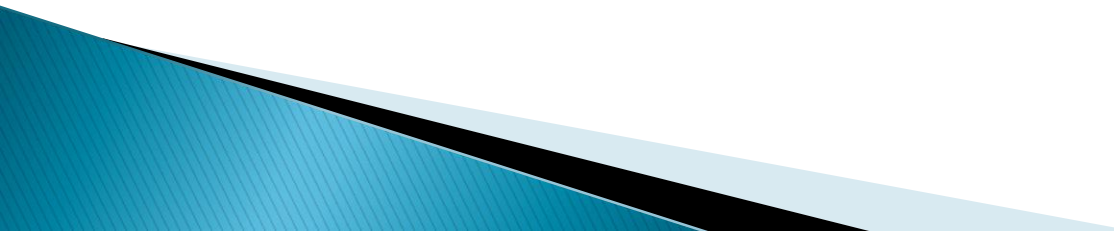
- ▶ 9 conventions and recommendations
- ▶ **Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (C155)**
 - 57 states
- ▶ **Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (C187)**
 - 20 states

Specific Sectors


- ▶ **Safety and health in:**

- Mines
 - Agriculture
 - Construction
 - Dock work
 - Commerce and Offices
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Specific risks

- ▶ **Radiation**
 - ▶ **Benzene**
 - ▶ **Occupational Cancer**
 - ▶ **Working environment**
 - ▶ **Asbestos**
 - ▶ **Chemicals**
 - ▶ **HIV/AIDS**
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Main aims:

- ▶ Maintain a minimum level of protection for worker.
 - ▶ Ensure workers good working conditions through national instruments.
 - ▶ Highlight the lack of protection.
 - ▶ Minimizing the risk for injuries and health issues for workers.
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Thank you!



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