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World Day for Safety and Health at Work

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About

Inspired by the [ILO centenary](#) and discussions on the future of work, the world day this year attempts to take stock of a 100 years of work in improving occupational safety and health and looks to the future for continuing these efforts through major changes such as technology, demographics, sustainable development including climate change and changes in work organization.

The World Day celebration on 28 April 2019 will be only the beginning of worldwide events and activities to continue throughout the rest of the year.

The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is an annual international campaign to promote safe, healthy and decent work. It is held on 28 April and has been observed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) since 2003.

A national occupational safety and health culture is one in which the right to a safe and healthy working environment is respected at all levels, where governments, employers and workers actively participate in securing a safe and healthy working environment through a system of defined rights, responsibilities and duties, and where the highest priority is accorded to the principle of prevention.

Background

Why 28 April?

In 2003, the [International Labour Organization \(ILO\)](#), began to observe World Day in order to stress the prevention of accidents and diseases at work, capitalizing on the ILO's traditional strengths of tripartism and social dialogue.

This celebration is an integral part of the [Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health](#) of the ILO, as documented in the Conclusions of the International Labour Conference in June 2003. One of the main pillars of the Global Strategy is advocacy, the World Day for Safety and Health at Work is a significant tool to raise awareness of how to make work safe and healthy and of the need to raise the political profile of occupational safety and health.

28 April is also the International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers organized worldwide by the trade union movement since 1996.

Prevention of occupational accidents and diseases.

The annual World Day for Safety and Health at Work on 28 April promotes the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally. It is an awareness-raising campaign intended to focus international attention on the magnitude of the problem and on how promoting and creating a safety and health culture can help reduce the number of work-related deaths and injuries.

Each of us is responsible for stopping deaths and injuries on the job. As governments we are responsible for providing the infrastructure — laws and services — necessary to ensure that workers remain employable and that enterprises flourish; this includes the development of a national policy and programme and a system of inspection to enforce compliance with occupational safety and health legislation and policy. As employers we are responsible for ensuring that the working environment is safe and healthy. As workers we are responsible to work safely and to protect ourselves and not to endanger others, to know our rights and to participate in the implementation of preventive measures.

Emerging risks at work

New and emerging occupational risks may be caused by technical innovation or by social or organizational change, such as:

- New technologies and production processes, e.g. nanotechnology, biotechnology
- New working conditions, e.g. higher workloads, work intensification from downsizing, poor conditions associated with migration for work, jobs in the informal economy
- Emerging forms of employment, e.g. self-employment, outsourcing, temporary contracts

They may be more widely recognized through better scientific understanding, e.g. the effects of ergonomic risks on musculoskeletal disorders.

They may be influenced by changes in perceptions about the importance of certain risk factors, e.g. the effects of psychosocial factors on work-related stress.

"کام کی جگہ پر تحفظ اور صحت کا عالمی دن" "28 اپریل"

ہر 15 سیکنڈ میں ایک کارکن کام کی جگہ سے تعلق رکھنے والے حادثات یا بیماری کے باعث مر جاتا ہے، کام کے دوران 160 کارکن کسی نہ کسی واقعہ کا شکار ہوتے ہیں۔ کام کی جگہ پر تحفظ اور صحت کا عالمی دن محفوظ، صحت مندانہ اور اچھے کام کے لیے شروع کی جانے والی سالانہ عالمی مہم ہے۔ یہ دن کام کے دوران حادثات اور کام سے وابستہ بیماریوں کی وجہ سے مرنے والوں کو یاد کرنے کا دن ہے، نیز یہ دنیا کی توجہ پیشہ ورانہ تحفظ اور صحت کے نئے رجحانات کی طرف مبذول کرواتا ہے۔ دنیا بھر میں قومی ادارے، ٹریڈ یونینز، تنظیمیں اور صحت و تحفظ سے وابستہ افراد کام کے محفوظ ماحول کے فروغ کے لیے معلوماتی سرگرمیوں کا انعقاد کرتے ہیں۔ عالمی ادارہ محنت، جو دنیا بھر میں کام کی جگہ پر حادثات اور بیماریوں کی روک تھام کے لیے کام کرتا ہے، اس نے 2003ء میں اس دن کو منانے کا آغاز کیا۔

<http://www.un.org/en/events/safeworkday>

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VIDEO ON WORKER'S SAFETY PROJECT

World Day for Safety and Health at Work

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