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Academy for Working Life

Editorial

Last year was the 30th anniversary of the Royal Decree of 10 August 1978 on complementary training for safety advisers. Seen as revolutionary in its time, the decree is without parallel in any other European Union country. Belgium has always played a pioneering role in the training of safety experts.

Prevent is keen to maintain this impressive record. It has created the Prevent Academy for Working Life, which offers high-quality training courses in the field of occupational safety and welfare. In addition to the courses recognised by the Federal Public Service for Employment, Work and Social Dialogue aimed at safety advisers, the Academy offers a series of practical courses, workshops and study days. Last June, Prevent signed a collaboration agreement with the CNAC to offer a high-quality training course via the Academy for safety advisers in the construction sector.

Wherever possible, the courses need to be recognised in Europe. The European Network of Safety and Health Professional Organisations (ENSHPO) has developed two voluntary conformity certificates: EurOSHM (European Occupational Safety and Health Manager) and EuroSHP (European Occupational Safety and Health Practitioner). The two certificates set the minimum criteria with regard to knowledge and competencies which safety experts in Europe must meet. These certificates represent an important stage in the reciprocal recognition of safety advisers' qualifications in the different European Union member states. The first applications for certification from safety advisers from Belgium have already been submitted and are in the process of being approved.

It is important for safety training to start at as young an age as possible – in the classroom. Prevent and Assuralia have launched an awareness-raising campaign on this subject. The first results will be presented on 27 November 2009 at the conference on mainstreaming OSH in education and its impact on the business sector. A Green Paper presenting the most important recommendations of the different actors involved will be published following the conference.



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Collaboration agreement CNAC and Prevent sign collaboration agreement on providing high-quality training for the construction sector



The National Action Committee on Health and Safety in Construction (CNAC) and Prevent, the Institute for OSH, have signed a collaboration agreement on the provision of training, complementary training and examinations for experts in the construction sector.

The training courses, complementary training courses and examinations will be offered by the Prevent Academy for Working Life asbl, which runs an extensive ISO 9001 certified programme including approved long- and short-duration courses as well as study days. CNAC will thus be involved in the management of the training programmes in occupational safety and welfare.

These two safety institutes are jointly committed to developing high-quality training courses in safety and welfare in construction. In the autumn, courses intended for safety advisers will begin; among other things they will include a specific module on approaching risks in the construction sector.

For more details on the range of courses, contact customer@prevent.be, tel 02/643 44 44

Look after your back Practical manual on the origin and prevention of back problems

Prevent is publishing a manual on the origin and prevention of back problems. Entitled 'Ménagez votre dos' ('Look after your back'), the publication offers wide-ranging advice on the manual handling of loads.

Subjects covered

As well as a summary of the structure of the back and how it works, the manual looks at the causes of back problems. The largest part of it is devoted to lifting techniques and work positions for avoiding such problems. A selection of photos illustrates the best way to lift and move objects.

For employers and employees

The manual will prove ideal for employers wishing to give their employees training in ergonomic lifting techniques, since its numerous illustrations and practical examples make it perfectly suited as a tool for such a course. 'Ménagez votre dos' is also a work tool in its own right for employees. Those who have to lift loads on a regular basis will find plenty of examples which should help them to look after their back. The chapter on muscle development exercises should encourage them to keep their back in good shape, even at home.

In practice

You can order this manual via www.prevent.be or via e-mail customer@prevent.be. The price depends on the order quantity: see the order form on the last page. Prevent also runs internal courses on the prevention of back problems. For more details, phone 02/643.44.44

Conference

Conference on integrating prevention into education

On 27 November, Prevent and Assuralia are organising a conference on the integration of prevention into education and establishing closer links with the world of work. Together with the publication of a Green Paper, the conference represents the culmination of the campaign to raise the awareness of actors in education. In the run-up to the conference, a platform has been created. The project will be continued with the introduction of this platform bringing together different actors from the world of education, training and work.

Conference programme

During the morning, the results will be presented of a survey conducted among young people and companies about young people's awareness of safety issues. Ulrike Bollmann from the European Network Education and Training in Occupational Safety and Health (ENETOSH) will explain how this network operates and will share some examples of good practices and the factors that ensured their success. The morning will mainly revolve around discussions organised during a round table with a representative of the employers and of the trade unions, a school principal, a safety adviser and a representative of a school governing body.

The afternoon will be devoted to the presentation of fruitful collaboration projects, in particular between education and the world of work.

Green paper

At the end of the project, a Green Paper will be published setting out the visions of the different parties involved in the platform on integrating prevention in training. The conference papers will also be included in the document which will appear after the conference.

Company survey

If you have had students or interns working at your company, you have doubtless been able to evaluate their knowledgeability about occupational health and safety matters and their receptiveness to prevention messages. Share your experiences by taking part in the survey via the link <http://www.prevent.be/p/enquete>. The survey consists of 28 multiple choice questions and takes just ten minutes to complete.

For more details about the project, contact Odette Wlodarski, odette.wlodarski@prevent.be

New provision of training in accident prevention in the construction sector

In February 2010, Prevent Academy for Working Life asbl is organising some new training courses in occupational safety and welfare specifically aimed at the construction sector.

A construction module will be added to the multidisciplinary and level 2 safety adviser courses. Students opting for the latter course will attend a training day completely devoted to risks in the construction sector.

The multidisciplinary course will start in February 2010. The level 2 safety adviser course will start in September 2010, following on from the multidisciplinary course. Enrolment on the basic course is possible until the end of October 2009.

For more details about the courses, contact customer@prevent.be, tel 02/643.44.44

Prevent information session

Session on 'A prevention policy on alcohol and drugs at work' to be held on 29 October 2009

CLA 100 requires all companies to implement a prevention policy on the use of alcohol and drugs at work by 1 April 2010.

On 29 October, Prevent will organise a meeting to provide the latest information about alcohol and drug use and the CCT's requirements in this area. More particularly, though, the afternoon will provide an opportunity to present achievements in the field.

Although all private companies are required to apply the CLA, not all are affected by the problem in the same way, as each has its own individual characteristics, risks and culture. No general approach or plan exists that can be applied in all circumstances: on the contrary, it is up to each company to develop its own policy.

This is why we believe it is important to bring together safety advisers, occupational physicians, human resources managers, delegates and so on to reflect together about effective prevention strategies.

This is thus more than an afternoon information session: it is an interactive workshop during which actors in the field will discuss their experiences, the strategies they have put in place, the results they have obtained and the difficulties they have encountered.

The session will be held on Thursday 29 October 2009 and is free for Prevent Assist subscribers. For non-subscribers, the price is €100 (including documentation).

Register via customer@prevent.be

The new campaign for 2010 Up-to-date and attractive

In 2010, Prevent will be supplying an up-dated campaign kit. The principle remains the same: a range of practical tools which encourage well-being at work throughout the year.

Three themes

Prevent will make the main theme of its prevention campaign maintenance (Maintenance? Prudence!). The choice of subject is no coincidence, as it will fit in with the theme of the European campaign for 2010 ('Safe maintenance') organised by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (Bilbao). The main theme is developed in four posters, a step-by-step plan and practical documents such as checklists, PowerPoint presentations, a short film, a leaflet for workers and so on.

As well as the theme of maintenance, two other subjects will be dealt with: various forms of addiction (such as alcohol, drugs, medicines or the Internet) and eye protection.

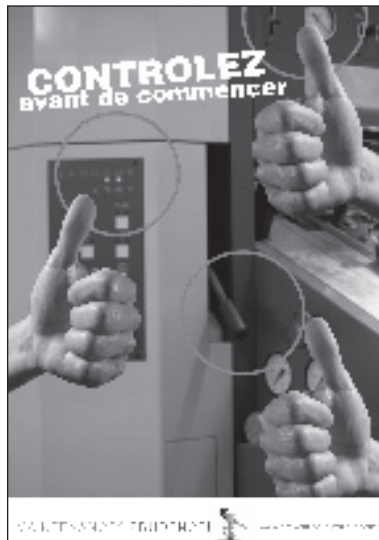
New features for more effective awareness-raising

Each of the three themes is linked to a webpage on our site. You and your co-workers will find practical information about the three themes. Another new feature to vary the form and tone of the prevention message is that a figurehead character will appear in the diary, on the posters and on a new awareness-raising tool. Presented in digital form to make it easier to use, this tool will consist of 12 drawings showing the character in typical work situations, whether dangerous or humorous. The situations illustrate the 12 themes developed in the diary and in the monthly 'Prevention Objective'.

Campaign materials

The campaign kit will be available at the end of November 2009 and will consist of the diary, six posters, a leaflet intended for workers, a step-by-step plan, a CD-Rom containing ten documents (PowerPoint presentations, checklists, tips, etc.), 12 illustrations, a DVD on equipment safety-locking and access to three information pages on our website which are devoted to the themes. You can order the campaign kit now. Prevent Assist subscribers will automatically receive a campaign kit. Additional copies of the diary, posters or leaflets can be ordered separately.

You can place an order via www.prevent.be, by email customer@prevent.be, by fax 02/643.44.40 or by post.
For more information, phone 02/643.44.44



2010/01



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2010/09

Prevention week

23-27 November 2009

Prevention will be in the spotlight in Brussels during the last week of November. **From 23 to 25 November**, the construction section of the International Social Security Association (ISSA) will be organising an international symposium. The themes covered relate to the key socio-economic trends of the present day which have a significant impact on our well-being: population ageing and globalisation. As the Belgian member of the construction section of the ISSA, CNAC will be organising the symposium in the new Square conference centre in Brussels. As member and president of the information section of the ISSA, Prevent is supporting the event and offering Prevent Assist subscribers a 200 euro discount on the registration fee. You will find the programme on the website <http://www.safety2009brussels.be/>.

On **27 November**, we invite companies and the world of education to take part in the conference on integrating prevention in education which is being organised by Prevent in collaboration with Assuralia. The conference and the publication of the Green Paper will mark the close of the awareness-raising campaign aimed at reducing accidents among young people at work.

The prevention week is an ideal opportunity to meet colleagues from near and far, exchange experiences and good practices and help bring prevention to the centre of attention. You are warmly invited to join us at the new conference centre.

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Agenda 2010	...	EUR 4,50 each; 5 or more copies: EUR 3.00 each; 50 or more copies: EUR 2.50 each; 250 or more copies: EUR 2.30 each; 500 or more copies: EUR 2.15 each.
Ménagez votre dos		EUR 25 each; 5 or more copies: EUR 15.00 each; 25 or more copies: EUR 12.50 each; 50 or more copies: EUR 10.00 each; 100 or more copies: EUR 7.50 each; 200 or more copies: EUR 5.00 each.

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Prevent is a multidisciplinary institute centred on the prevention of occupational risks through the promotion of the quality of working conditions and the improvement of work organisation. The institute provides support, advice and information for businesses and organisations, such as occupational accident insurers, external prevention and protection services, sectoral organisations, the social partners, the government and other societal actors.

Prevent is dedicated to the development, collection and mobilisation of occupational safety and health knowledge. To this end, the institute carries out research and studies centred on practical experience. In addition, it gathers information and documentation from all over the world. Lastly, the institute contributes actively to the development of regional, national, and international networks in order to exchange information and experience.

The institute transfers its accumulated knowledge using various means such as consulting, disseminating information and documentation, writing and editing publications, developing training programs and carrying out information and awareness campaigns. The institute gives particular attention to the issue of occupational safety and health in SMEs.

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