

Safety first!

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Occupational safety is important throughout our business. We focus to improve occupational safety culture and practices by persistently aiming at changing attitudes and operating methods. Each employee in his or her own actions is responsible for safety at work.

Safety is a must in everything we do. We aim at zero accidents every single day. At the moment we have different safety methods and tools in use in each division. There will be common policies and goals related to safety during this year.

From smartphone apps to posters

Is it safe to work here? What might happen and how? How can I protect myself and my co-workers from possible dangers? Has this specific job been allowed by my manager? Has there been an instruction?

All the employees on the operational side must be aware of the safety regulations and emergency procedures that apply to their area of work and must wear their full personal protective equipment (PPE).



In Germany posters are put on display at all construction sites and properties, to make the employees aware of the potential dangers and risks in the workplace and to jog their memories regarding the questions they need to ask themselves. These posters get people thinking - and potentially prevent an accident here and there thanks to people changing how they act.

Credit card-sized cards has been delivered to the employees in the first quarter of 2015 that will likewise feature these questions. The workers are encouraged to carry the cards with them at all times and to read through the questions before they start work.

Have they answered yes to all the questions? Then it's safe to get to work!

In Sweden accidents and potential risks are being reported in an ordinary smartphone app "IA – avvikelser i arbetsmiljö" (Deviations in the work environment), or discrepancies in the work environment.

Online support for occupational safety

Early in 2013, Industrial Solutions launched an online service for preventive safety work, www.ennakoi.fi, open to everyone. The website enables the submission of all reports related to preventive safety work. Reports can also be submitted from mobile devices and conveniently sent to a client at the same time. The fact that we can demonstrate our own safety work and the safety work of our subcontractors to our clients represents a major step forward.

To keep preventive safety in mind at all times, Industrial Solutions will also get the website's address printed on all work clothing. The print will remind of the importance of a preventive occupational safety attitude on work sites.

The website is the result of Industrial Solutions own development work. Also Caverion Finland took the online service into use at the beginning of 2015.

Waste pocket for the site

On-site electrical installation work produces many kinds of waste. In Finland an electrician had an idea of a simple waste pocket that can be easily attached to fixtures, such as a railing, when working at heights. Small installation waste, which could cause a safety risk on the floor, are easily slipped into the pocket and the site is kept tidy and safe. The waste pockets communicate that at Caverion safety comes first.

A suitcase full of security

Department 601, Ventilation in Skovlunde, Denmark has introduced security suitcases, which can be found in all the company cars, our assemblers are driving around in. Formerly, security masks and patches were lying loosely around the cars, without a fixed procedure for security measures.

Health and safety representative **Allan Kragh Pedersen** tells, that they investigated the market and decided to buy security suitcases for all company cars.

The suitcases contain, among other things, plaster, gauze tie, masks, eye wash and cream for dry skin. Everything is assembled in the trunk and there is no need to spend a lot of time looking for a piece of plaster, in case of emergency.

"Now our employees can easily get help if they get something in the eye or cut a finger for instance. The security suitcases provide peace of mind in everyday life," says Allan Kragh Pedersen.

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