

OSH AUTHORITIES

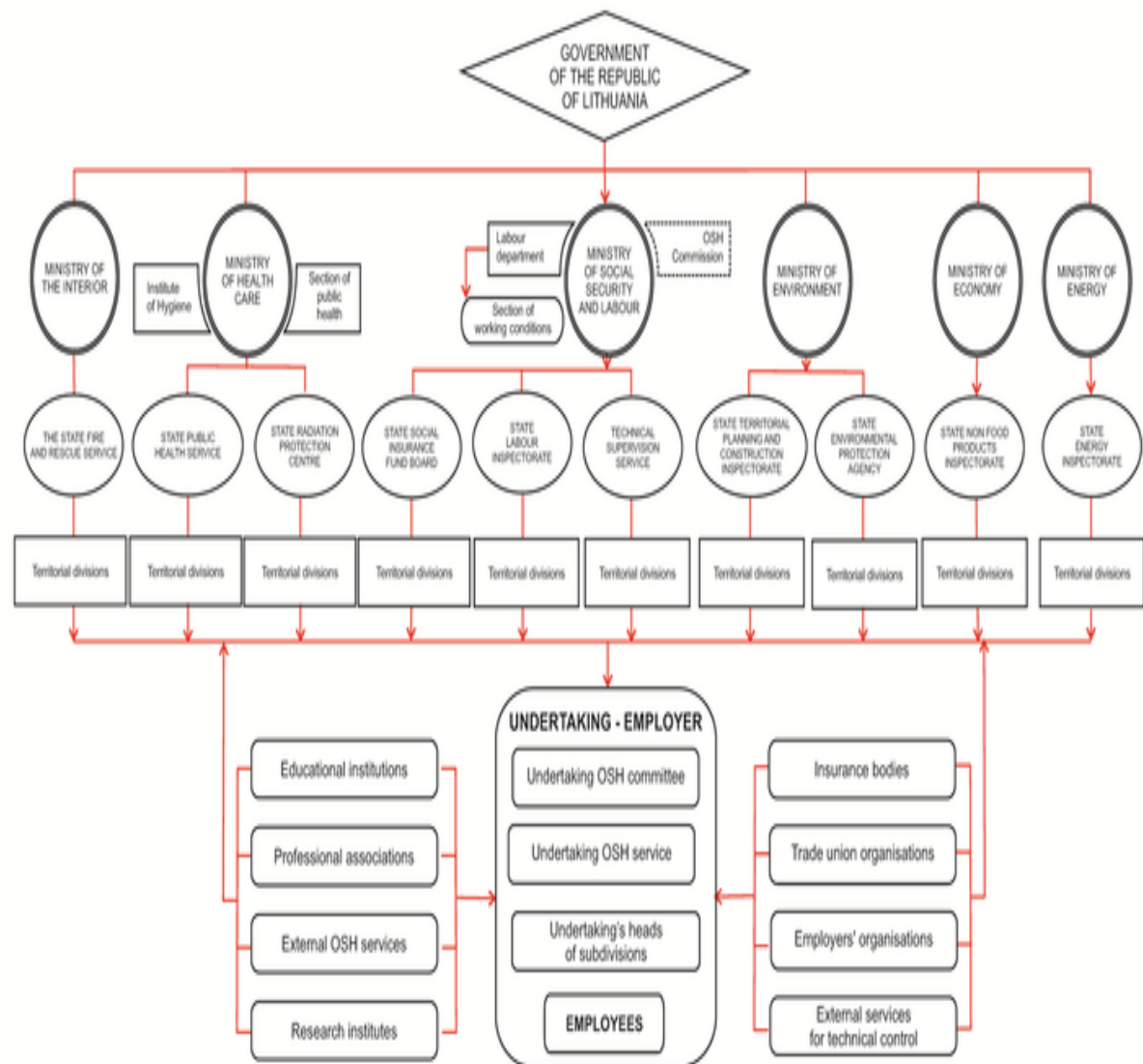
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Name of the Authority	The Ministry of Social Security and Labour (Socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerija)
Link	http://www.socmin.lt/
Short abstract	<i>The Ministry of Social Security and Labour (Socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerija) and the Ministry of Health (Sveikatos apsaugos ministerija) implement State policy in the OSH area in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Labour Code, the laws, resolutions of the Government and other regulations. The Minister of Social Security and Labour himself or together with another minister or ministers approves the OSH regulations establishing the procedure for their entry into force and application. The Health Minister approves health care regulations (hygiene norms), which establish the levels of working environment factors not harmful to workers' health.</i>
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Name of the Authority	The Ministry of Health (Sveikatos apsaugos ministerija)
Link	http://www.sam.lt/
Short abstract	<i>The Ministry of Social Security and Labour (Socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerija) and the Ministry of Health (Sveikatos apsaugos ministerija) implement State policy in the OSH area in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Labour Code, the laws, resolutions of the Government and other regulations. The Minister of Social Security and Labour himself or together with another minister or ministers approves the OSH regulations establishing the procedure for their entry into force and application. The Health Minister approves health care regulations (hygiene norms), which establish the levels of working environment factors not harmful to workers' health.</i>
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Name of the Authority	The State Labour Inspectorate
Link	http://www.vdi.lt/

Short abstract	<p>Remit of the State Labour Inspectorate under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour includes the prevention of accidents at work, occupational diseases and violations of occupational safety and health requirements of standard acts on labour law. It also covers the control of compliance of the Labour Code of the Republic of Lithuania, laws and other standard acts regulating occupational safety and health as well as labour relations in enterprises, institutions, organisations or other organisational structures, irrespective of their forms of ownership, type, nature of activity, also in these cases when an employer is a natural person (hereinafter referred to as the „employers“).</p> <p>The State Labour Inspectorate consists of the administration and territorial divisions. The administration consists of the Chief State Labour Inspector and his deputies as well as divisions and services coordinating and organising activities of the State Labour Inspectorate. The number and subordination of these divisions and services as well as territorial divisions is established by approval of the structure of the State Labour Inspectorate. Sectors uniting specialists of certain activities may be established within the structural subdivisions.</p>
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▪ Compensation and insurance bodies

Name of the Body	The State Social Insurance Fund (SODRA)
Link	http://www.sodra.lt/index.php?cid=2585
Short abstract	<p><i>The State Social Insurance Fund (SODRA)</i> ^[38] has been established in order to implement the social insurance. SODRA is implementing the state social insurance for already twenty years. The system guarantees income for the insured persons and persons who have lost capacity for work due to sickness, also in the case of maternity, paternity, old-age, disability, or other instances set out in the laws with seeking to reduce or to compensate for lost income due to unemployment. The state social insurance system is based on the principle of generation solidarity and current financing, when the collected contributions are distributed right away. Therefore it is very closely related to and dependent on the country's economic potential. The country's economic growth rates started to slowdown from 2008 followed by increasing unemployment and enterprise bankruptcies what has resulted in an economic decline. This had a detrimental effect on the social insurance system.</p> <p>The state social insurance system is comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministry of Social Security and Labour. ▪ Council of the State Social Insurance Fund.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Social Insurance Fund Board and its territorial offices and other institutions relate to the Fund administration. State Tax Inspectorate under the Ministry of Finance. Lithuanian Labour Exchange under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour. State Patient Fund under the Ministry of Health. Pension saving companies. SODRA's clients (insurers, insured and benefit recipients). <p>In Lithuania, like in a number of countries of the world, there are following types of the state social insurance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pension social insurance for the basic or supplementary parts of pension. Sickness and maternity social insurance. Occupational accidents and occupational diseases social insurance. Health insurance. <p>Most persons are covered by these types of the state social insurance on a compulsory basis. Persons who are not insured by the compulsory state social insurance may insure themselves by the pension social insurance and social insurance for sickness and maternity benefits on voluntary basis. They are insured by making individual agreements with the territorial offices of the State Social Insurance Fund Board and paying defined social insurance contributions.</p>
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▪ Research institutes

Name of the Institute	Occupational Health Centre
Link	http://www.hi.lt/profesines-sveikatos-centras.html
Short abstract	Research activities of the Centre are aimed at: investigation and evaluation of the impact of working environment factors on workers' health and functional capacity; investigation and evaluation of the preventive effectiveness of the occupational health (care); development and testing of innovative interventions on occupational health (care) in practice.

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Name of the Institute	Institute of Agricultural Engineering and Safety of the Aleksandras Stulginskis University
Link	http://zuif.asu.lt/en/departments/institute-of-agricultural-engineering-and-safety/
Short abstract	<p>The ASU is an institution of higher education and research in the fields of biomedicine, technologies and social sciences. It is the only state institution of higher education and science in Lithuania, where highly qualified specialists of agriculture, forestry and water husbandry are trained. The ASU has 5 faculties: Agronomy, Economics and Management, Forest Sciences and Ecology, Water and Land Management and Agricultural Engineering. The University has a developed infrastructure for research and studies: Experimental station, Park of Science and Technologies, Field laboratories and other divisions for supply of research and studies. The Institute of Agricultural Engineering and Safety takes part in education and training students in the OSH area, research in the OSH area, preparation of the OSH regulations and standards, international OSH projects, etc. There is Laboratory of Safety of Technologies in the Institute. Research fields: investigation and improvement of the system "Human-Machine-Environment", noise and vibration in the working environment, lighting in the working places and machinery.</p>
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Name of the Institute	Department of Ergonomics of the Kaunas University of Technology
Short abstract	<p>The KTU is the largest technical university in the Baltic States. The KTU often becomes a research and study leader in various fields. There are 14 different departments within the KTU: Chemical technology, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Design and technologies, Electrical and Control Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics, Telecommunications and Electronics and etc. The Department of Ergonomics takes part in education and training of students in OSH area, research in OSH area, preparation of OSH regulations, etc. There is Laboratory of Ergonomics in this department.</p>
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Name of the Institute	Department of Labour Safety and Fire Protection of the Vilnius Gediminas Technical University
Link	http://www.dgsk.st.vgtu.lt/
Short abstract	The VGTU is a one of the largest state higher academic schools, which strives for leading position among Baltic countries in technical and engineering education as well as the field of scientific research. The Department of Labour Safety and Fire Protection takes part in education and training of students in OSH area, research in OSH and fire safety area, preparation of OSH and fire safety regulations, etc.
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Name of the Institute	Department of Environment and Occupational Medicine of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences
Link	http://www.lsmuni.lt/en/structure/medical-academy-/faculty-of-public-health-/departments/
Short abstract	The LSMU is the largest institution of medical education and training in Lithuania. Medical Academy of the LSMU has five faculties: Public Health, Nursing, Pharmacy, Odontology and Medicine. Kaunas Clinics (the LSMU's hospital) is the largest medical institution in Lithuania and one of the largest university hospitals in the Baltic countries. It is also used for teaching students and research purposes. The Department of Environment and Occupational Medicine takes part in education and training of students in OSH area, research in OSH area, preparation of OSH regulations, etc.
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Name of the Institute	Department of Public Health of the Vilnius University
Link	http://www.vsi.mf.vu.lt/apie-instituta

Short abstract	The VU is the oldest and largest Lithuanian higher education institution. Since its establishment in the 16th century, Vilnius University, as integral part of European science and culture has embodied the concept of a classical university and the unity of studies and research. There are 14 faculties (institutes) within the VU: Chemistry, Physics, Medicine, Law and etc. The Department of Public Health is one of two institutes of the Medical Faculty. The Institute takes part in education and training of students in OSH area, research in OSH area, preparation of OSH regulations, etc.
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Name of the Institute	Institute of Labour and Social Research (Darbo ir socialinių tyrimų institutas)
Link	http://www.dsti.lt/
Short abstract	The Institute was founded in 1991 by the Ministry of Social Security and Labour and since 2009 it is a division of the Lithuanian Social Research Centre (LSRC). The LSRC is a state research institute established to carry out fundamental and applied social research significant to the society in order to help its clients in government and public or private sector to make better, research-based decisions. Currently the LSRC has another 4 divisions: Institute of Sociology, Institute of Human Geography and Demography, Institute of Ethnic Studies and Institute for Social Welfare Research. The Institute of Labour and Social Research carries out research on the issues of labour and industrial relations, labour market, development of human resources, labour market vocational training and occupational activities, safety and health at work, social insurance and other social issues, develops recommendations on these issues for social policy formation and implementation.
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■ Prevention Services

Name of the Service	The Public Health Centres (Visuomenės sveikatos centrai)
Link	http://www.sam.lt/index.php?597392768

Short abstract	The Public Health Centres (Visuomenės sveikatos centrai) under the Ministry of Health have been established seeking to ensure public health safety and to protect rights of the health service consumers by implementing the state health policy. The main tasks of the Public Health Centres are to implement national public health safety control and to ensure safety of the environment according to the law requirements.
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Name of the Service	The Occupational Health Centre (Profesinės sveikatos centras)
Link	http://www.hi.lt/profesines-sveikatos-centras.html
Short abstract	<i>The Occupational Health Centre (Profesinės sveikatos centras)</i> , previously called Occupational Medicine Centre (established in 1992 at the Institute of Hygiene), is a national institution, responsible for research, training, expertise, consultation and information in the field of occupational health in Lithuania.
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Name of the Service	State Energy Inspectorate
Link	http://www.vei.lt/
Short abstract	The State Energy Inspectorate (Valstybinė energetikos inspekcija) [54] under the Ministry of Energy (Energetikos ministerija) was established to control the energy sector seeking to ensure reliability, efficiency and safety of energy sources, energy production, supply and use, to manage public resources and the reserve energy supplies.
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Name of the Service	State Non Food Products Inspectorate
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Link	http://www.inspekcija.lt/
Short abstract	The State Non Food Products Inspectorate (Valstybinė ne maisto produktų inspekcija) under the Ministry of Economy (Ūkio ministerija) was established in 2000 after the reorganization of the the Lithuanian State Quality Inspectorate, the State Hygiene Inspectorate and the State Veterinary Service. The main objectives of the Inspectorate are to protect the national market from dangerous and low quality non food products (articles and services) and to ensure an effective market surveillance of non food products in compliance with the European Union law. From 2016 functions of the State Non Food Products Inspectorate are assigned to the State Consumer Rights Protection Authority.
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Name of the Service	State Fire and Rescue Service
Link	http://www.vpgt.lt/go.php/lit/English/49
Short abstract	The State Fire and Rescue Service (Valstybinė priešgaisrinė gelbėjimo tarnyba) is made up of the following bodies: the Fire and Rescue Department (Priešgaisrinės apsaugos ir gelbėjimo departamentas) under the Ministry of the Interior and its 17 subordinate services, the Specialized Fire and Rescue Service, the Firefighters Training School, the Fire Research Centre and the Emergency Response Centre. The Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of the Interior is responsible for the protection of people, property and environment in emergency cases. In addition, it is in charge of fire and emergency prevention.
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Name of the Service	Radiation Protection Centre
Link	http://www.rsc.lt/

Short abstract	The Radiation Protection Centre (Radiacinės saugos centras) is an institution which co-ordinates the activities of executive and other bodies of public administration and local government in the field of radiation protection. It also exercises the state supervision and control of radiation protection, monitoring and expert examination of public exposure. The Radiation Protection Centre was established in 1997.
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Name of the Service	State Territorial Planning and Construction Inspectorate
Link	http://www.vtpsi.lt/
Short abstract	The State Territorial Planning and Construction Inspectorate (Valstybinės teritorijų planavimo ir statybos inspekcija) under the Ministry of Environment (Aplinkos ministerija) was established to take part in developing the state policy on territorial planning and the state supervision of construction and use of structures as well as to control and coordinate the implementation of this policy.
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Name of the Service	State Road Transport Inspectorate
Link	http://www.vkti.gov.lt/
Short abstract	<i>The State Road Transport Inspectorate (Valstybinė kelių transporto inspekcija) under the Ministry of Transport and Communications. Its main objectives are to ensure proper conditions for road transport activity and safety on roads. The Inspectorate officers supervise carriage of goods and passengers by the road transport, centres of the state technical inspection, driving schools and agencies which provide training on carrying dangerous goods. They also check how the drivers follow the driving and rest regime, control technical condition of vehicles including vehicles carrying dangerous goods and over-dimensioned and heavy goods vehicles.</i>
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Name of the Service	State Railway Inspectorate
Link	http://www.dsti.lt/
Short abstract	The State Railway Inspectorate (Valstybinė geležinkelio inspekcija) [66] under the Ministry of Transport and Communications [65] has to ensure safety of the railway transport and railway traffic.
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▪ Other OSH services

Name of Association	The Association of Employers of OSH Specialists (Darbo saugos specialistų darbdavių asociacija)
Link	http://dssd.lt/
Short abstract	<i>The Association of Employers of OSH Specialists (Darbo saugos specialistų darbdavių asociacija)</i> is a professional association of Lithuanian companies providing OSH services.
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Name of Association	The Lithuanian Union of Hygienists and Epidemiologists (Lietuvos higienistų ir epidemiologų sąjunga)
Link	https://www.facebook.com/LietuvosHigienistuEpidemiologuSajunga/
Short abstract	The Lithuanian Union of Hygienists and Epidemiologists (Lietuvos higienistų ir epidemiologų sąjunga) brings together Lithuania hygienists and epidemiologists. The main objectives of the Union are analysis and popularization of research and practical activities in the hygiene, epidemiology and public health care areas, training, raising qualification, re-qualification, licensing and certification of doctors-hygienists, epidemiologists and public health specialists.
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Name of Association	The Lithuanian Public Health Association (Lietuvos visuomenės sveikatos asociacija)
Link	http://www.lvsa.lt/
Short abstract	The Lithuanian Public Health Association (Lietuvos visuomenės sveikatos asociacija) is Public entity that brings together civil society organizations, persons, academic institutions and other institutions working in the public health area [69].
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■ Standardization Bodies

Name of the Body	The Lithuanian standards board (Lietuvos standartizacijos departamentas (LSD))
Link	http://lsd.lt/index.php?256157671
Short abstract	<p>The Lithuanian standards board (Lietuvos standartizacijos departamentas (LSD)) [84] was established in 1990. Lithuanian Standards Board is the budgetary institution of public administration functioning as National Standards Body (NSB) and within its competence taking part in establishing and implementing the policy of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania within the standardization field and taking active part in the activities of international and European standardization organizations by representing interests of Lithuanian economy.</p> <p>LST develops and improves national standardization system, sets up technical committees for the preparation of Lithuanian standards and other publications as well as coordinates their preparation, establishes procedures for the adoption of international, European and foreign standards as Lithuanian standards, adopts, publishes and distributes Lithuanian standards and other publications applied on a voluntary basis, seeks that copyright of International and European standards is not infringed in Lithuania, provides information on standards, technical regulations and legal acts on conformity assessment procedures valid in Lithuania and their drafts.</p> <p>LST implements Lithuanian standards program, participates in implementation of European Union directives. Activities of technical committees are based on the consensus principle, i.e. interested parties (producers, consumers and representatives of state, scientific and public organizations) make decisions by consensus. Standardization Council deals with strategical and inter-branch standardization matters. Technical committees assist in the implementation of Lithuanian standards program through the preparation of Lithuanian standards and other publications.</p>

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