

OSH Authorities — Lithuania

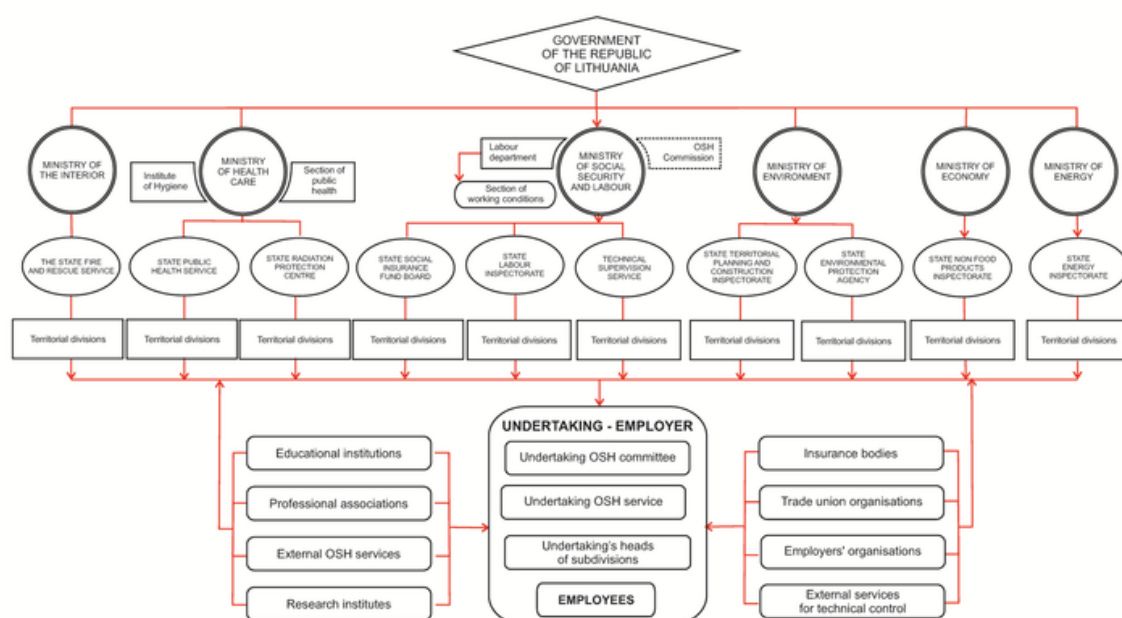
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Name of authority	Ministry of Social Security and Labour (<i>Socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerija</i>)
Link	http://www.socmin.lt/
Short abstract	The Ministry of Social Security and Labour and the Ministry of Health (<i>Sveikatos apsaugos ministerija</i>) implement state policy in the field of occupational safety and health (OSH), 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 — either by itself or with another minister or other ministers — approves the OSH regulations, establishing the procedure for their entry into force and application. The Health Minister approves healthcare regulations (hygiene norms), which establish the number of factors of the working environment that are not harmful to workers' health.
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Name of authority	Ministry of Health (<i>Sveikatos apsaugos ministerija</i>)
Link	http://www.sam.lt/
Short abstract	The Ministry of Social Security and Labour (<i>Socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerija</i>) and the Ministry of Health implement state policy in the field of occupational safety and health (OSH), 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 — either by him- or herself or with another minister or other ministers — approves the OSH regulations, establishing the procedure for their entry into force and application. The Health Minister approves healthcare regulations (hygiene norms), which establish the number of factors of the working environment that are not harmful to workers' health.
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Name of authority	State Labour Inspectorate
Link	http://www.vdi.lt/
Short abstract	<p>The 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 OSH requirements of standard acts of the labour law. It also covers the control of compliance with the Labour Code of the Republic of Lithuania, laws and other standard acts regulating OSH, as well as labour relations in enterprises, institutions, organisations or other organisational structures, irrespective of their form of ownership, type, nature of activity, and, also in these cases, when an employer is a natural person.</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 that coordinate and organise activities of the State Labour Inspectorate. The number and subordination of these divisions and services as well as territorial divisions is established by the 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 body	State Social Insurance Fund (SODRA)
Link	http://www.sodra.lt/index.php?cid=2585
Short abstract	<p>SODRA was established to provide social insurance. SODRA has been providing state social insurance for 20 years. The system guarantees income for insured persons and persons who are unable to work due to sickness, maternity, paternity, old age, a disability or other reasons set out in the laws seeking to reduce or compensate for lost income due to unemployment. The state social insurance system is based on the principle of generation solidarity and current financing, that is, when the collected contributions are distributed right away. As a result, the system is very closely related to and dependent on the country's economic potential. The country's economic growth rates started to slow down as of 2008; the increasing levels of unemployment and enterprise bankruptcies that followed resulted in an economic decline. This had a detrimental effect on Lithuania's social insurance system.</p> <p>The state social insurance system consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Ministry of Social Security and Labour; • the Council of the State Social Insurance Fund; • the State Social Insurance Fund Board, and its territorial offices and other institutions related to the fund's administration; • the State Tax Inspectorate under the Ministry of Finance; • the Lithuanian Labour Exchange under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour; • the State Patient Fund under the Ministry of Health; • pension-saving companies. • SODRA's clients (insurers, the insured and recipients of benefits). <p>In Lithuania, like in a number of other countries around the world, there are different types of state social insurance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pension social insurance for the basic or supplementary parts of a pension; • sickness and maternity social insurance; • occupational accidents and occupational diseases social insurance; • health insurance. <p>Most people are covered by these types of state social insurance on a compulsory basis. People who are not insured by the compulsory state social insurance may insure themselves by signing up to the pension social insurance and the 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 by paying defined social insurance contributions.</p>
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▪ **Research institutes**

Name of institute	Occupational Health Centre
Link	http://www.hi.lt/profesines-sveikatos-centras.html
Short abstract	Research activities of the Occupational Health Centre are aimed at investigating and evaluating the impact of factors of the working environment on workers' health and functional capacity; investigating and evaluating the preventive effectiveness of the occupational health (care); and developing and testing innovative interventions on occupational health (care) in practice.
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Name of institute	Institute of Agricultural Engineering and Safety of the Aleksandras Stulginskis University (ASU)
Link	http://zuif.asu.lt/en/departments/institute-of-agricultural-engineering-and-safety/
Short abstract	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 in agriculture, forestry and water management are trained. The ASU has five 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, including an experimental station, the Park of Science and Technologies, field laboratories and other divisions for the supply of research and studies. The Institute of Agricultural Engineering and Safety is involved in educating and training students in the OSH field, carrying out research in the OSH field, preparing OSH regulations and standards, carrying out international OSH projects, etc. There is a Laboratory of Safety of Technologies in the institute. Research fields include the investigation and improvement of the system 'Human-Machine-Environment', noise and vibration in the working environment, lighting in workplaces, and machinery.
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Name of institute	Department of Labour Safety and Fire Protection of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (VGTU)
Link	http://www.dgsk.st.vgtu.lt/
Short abstract	The VGTU — one of the largest state schools of higher education — strives for the leading position in technical and engineering education, as well as in the field of scientific research, among the Baltic countries. The Department of Labour Safety and Fire Protection is involved in educating and training students in the OSH field, carrying out research in the OSH and fire safety field, preparing OSH and fire safety regulations, etc.
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Name of institute	Department of Environment and Occupational Medicine of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (LSMU)
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. The 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 for research purposes. The Department of Environment and Occupational Medicine is involved in educating and training students in the OSH field, carrying out research in the OSH field, preparing OSH regulations, etc.
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Name of institute	Department of Public Health of Vilnius University (VU)
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, the VU, as an 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, including Chemistry, Physics, Medicine and Law. The Department of Public Health is one of two institutes of the Medical Faculty. The institute is involved in educating and training students in the OSH field, carrying out research in the OSH field, preparing OSH regulations, etc.
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Name of institute	Institute of Labour and Social Research (<i>Darbo ir socialinių tyrimų institutas</i>)
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 has been a division of the Lithuanian Social Research Centre (LSRC). The LSRC is a state research institute that was established to carry out fundamental and applied social research that is significant to society, to help its clients in government and in the public or private sector to make better, research-based decisions. The LSRC is currently made up of another four 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, the labour market, the development of human resources, labour market vocational training and occupational activities, safety and health at work, social insurance and other social issues, and develops recommendations on these issues for social policy formation and implementation.
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■ Prevention services

Name of service	Public Health Centres (<i>Visuomenės sveikatos centrai</i>)
Link	http://www.sam.lt/index.php?597392768
Short abstract	The Public Health Centres under the Ministry of Health were established to ensure public health safety and to protect the rights of consumers of the health service by implementing the state health policy. The main tasks of the Public Health Centres are to implement national public health safety controls and to ensure the safety of the environment according to law requirements.
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Name of service	Occupational Health Centre (<i>Profesinės sveikatos centras</i>)
Link	http://www.hi.lt/profesines-sveikatos-centras.html
Short abstract	The Occupational Health Centre, previously called the Occupational Medicine Centre (established in 1992 by the Institute of Hygiene), is the national institution responsible for research, training, expertise, consultation and information in the field of occupational health in Lithuania.
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Name of service	State Energy Inspectorate (<i>Valstybinė energetikos inspekcija</i>)
Link	http://www.vei.lt/
Short abstract	The State Energy Inspectorate under the Ministry of Energy (<i>Energetikos ministerija</i>) was established to control the energy sector, seeking to ensure the reliability, efficiency and safety of energy sources, energy production, supply and use, and to manage public resources and the reserve energy supplies.
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Name of service	State Non-Food Products Inspectorate (<i>Valstybinė ne maisto produktų inspekcija</i>)
Link	http://www.inspekcia.lt/
Short abstract	The State Non-Food Products Inspectorate under the Ministry of Economy (<i>Ūkio ministerija</i>) was established in 2000 after the reorganisation 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 (EU) law. Since 2016, functions of the State Non-Food Products Inspectorate have been assigned to the State Consumer Rights Protection Authority.
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Name of service	State Fire and Rescue Service (<i>Valstybinė priešgaisrinė gelbėjimo tarnyba</i>)
Link	http://www.vpgt.lt/go.php/lit/English/49
Short abstract	The State Fire and Rescue Service is made up of the following bodies: the Fire and Rescue Department (<i>Priešgaisrinės apsaugos ir gelbėjimo departamentas</i>) under the Ministry of the Interior and its 17 subordinate services; the Specialised 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 the environment in

	emergency cases. In addition, it is in charge of fire and emergency prevention.
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Name of service	Radiation Protection Centre (<i>Radiacinės saugos centras</i>)
Link	http://www.rsc.lt/
Short abstract	The Radiation Protection Centre is an institution that coordinates the activities of executive bodies and other bodies of public administration and local government in the field of radiation protection. It also exercises state supervision and control of radiation protection, monitoring and employing expert examinations of public exposure. The Radiation Protection Centre was established in 1997.
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Name of service	State Territorial Planning and Construction Inspectorate (<i>Valstybinės teritorijų planavimo ir statybos inspekcija</i>)
Link	http://www.vtpsi.lt/
Short abstract	The State Territorial Planning and Construction Inspectorate under the Ministry of Environment (<i>Aplinkos ministerija</i>) was established to take part in the development of the state policy on territorial planning and state supervision of the construction and use of structures, as well as to control and coordinate the implementation of this policy.
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Name of service	State Road Transport Inspectorate (<i>Valstybinė kelių transporto inspekcija</i>)
Link	https://sumin.lrv.lt/en/sector-activities/roads-and-road-transport-1 (website of the Ministry)
Short abstract	The State Road Transport Inspectorate falls under the Ministry of Transport and Communications. Its main objectives are to ensure proper conditions for road transport activity and safety on Lithuania's roads. The inspectorate officers supervise the transportation of goods and passengers by road, centres of the state technical inspection, driving schools and agencies that provide training on transporting dangerous goods. They also check how drivers follow the 'driving and rest' regime and control the technical conditions of vehicles, including vehicles transporting dangerous goods, and over-dimensioned and heavy goods vehicles.
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Name of service	State Railway Inspectorate (<i>Valstybinė geležinkelio inspekcija</i>)
Link	http://www.dsti.lt/
Short abstract	The State Railway Inspectorate under the Ministry of Transport and Communications has to ensure the safety of railway transport and railway traffic.
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▪ Other OSH services

Name of association	Association of Employers of OSH Specialists (<i>Darbo saugos specialistų darbdavių asociacija</i>)
Link	http://dssd.lt/
Short abstract	The Association of Employers of OSH Specialists is a professional association of Lithuanian companies providing OSH services.
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Name of association	Lithuanian Union of Hygienists and Epidemiologists (<i>Lietuvos higienistų ir epidemiologų sąjunga</i>)
Link	https://www.facebook.com/LietuvosHigienistuEpidemiologuSajunga/
Short abstract	The Lithuanian Union of Hygienists and Epidemiologists brings together Lithuania hygienists and epidemiologists. The main objectives of the Union are to carry out analyses and popularise research and practical activities in the fields of hygiene, epidemiology and public health care, implement training, raise qualifications, and enable the re-qualification, licensing and certification of doctors, hygienists, epidemiologists and public health specialists.
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Name of association	Lithuanian Public Health Association (<i>Lietuvos visuomenės sveikatos asociacija</i>)
Link	http://www.lvsa.lt/
Short abstract	The Lithuanian Public Health Association is a public entity that brings together civil society organisations, people, academic institutions and other institutions working in the public health field.
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▪ Standardisation bodies

Name of body	Lithuanian Standards Board (LSD — <i>Lietuvos standartizacijos departamentas</i>)
Link	http://lsd.lt/index.php?256157671
Short abstract	<p>The LSD was established in 1990. It is the budgetary institution of public administration that functions as the national standards body. Within its competence, the LSD is involved in establishing and implementing the policy of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania within the standardisation field and actively involved in the activities of international and European organisations of standardisation by representing interests of the Lithuanian economy.</p> <p>The LSD develops and improves the national standardisation system; sets up technical committees for the preparation of Lithuanian standards and other publications; coordinates the preparation of these standards and publications; 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; ensures that copyright of International and European standards is not infringed in Lithuania; and provides information on standards, technical regulations and legal acts on conformity assessment procedures that are valid in Lithuania and their drafts.</p> <p>The LSD implements the Lithuanian standards programme and participates in the implementation of EU directives. Activities of the technical committees are based on the consensus principle, namely interested parties (producers, consumers and representatives of state, scientific and public organisations) make decisions through consensus. The Standardisation Council deals with strategical and inter-branch matters of standardisation. The technical committees assist with the implementation of the Lithuanian standards programme through the preparation of Lithuanian standards and other publications.</p>
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