

OSH AUTHORITIES

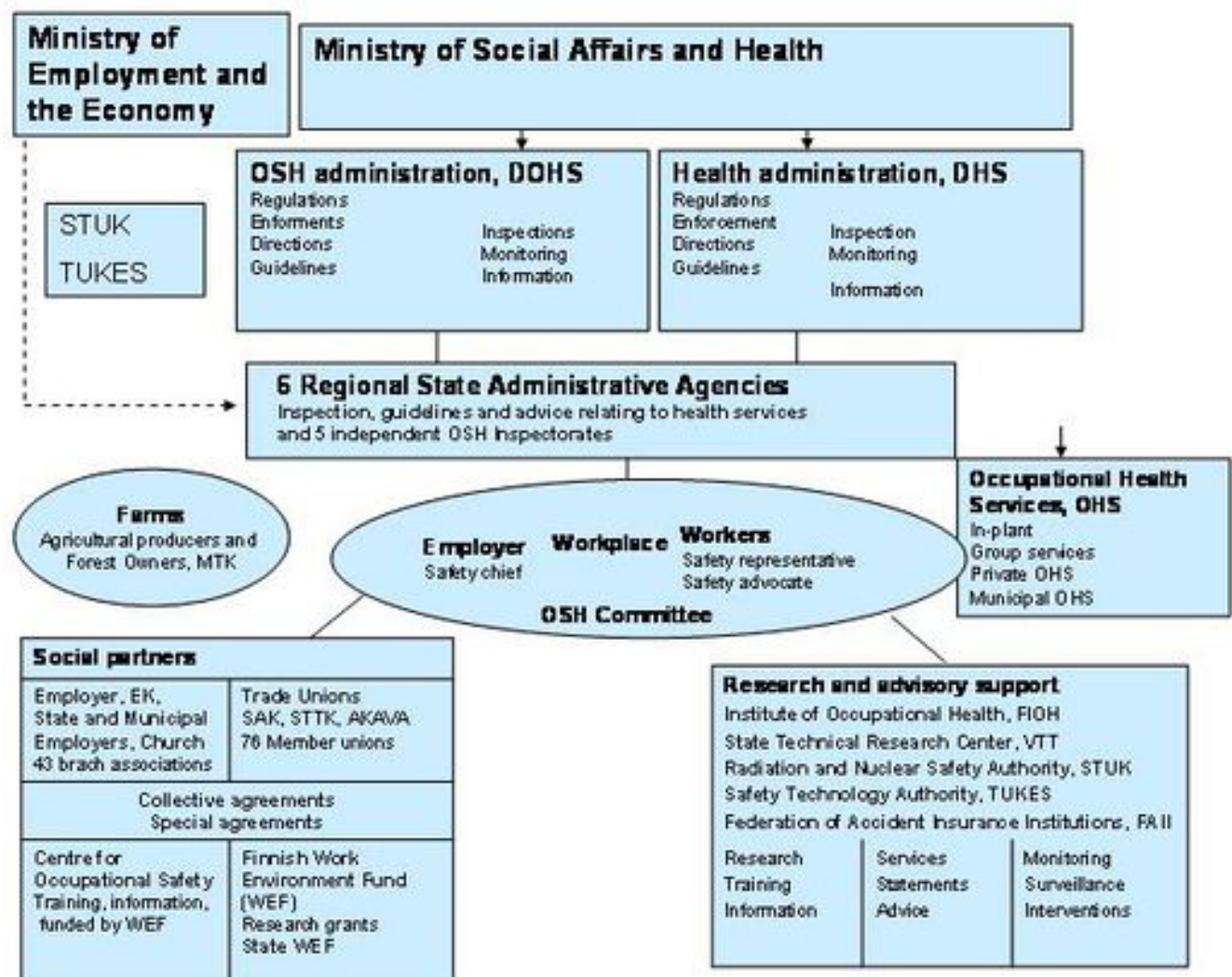
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▪ **OSH authorities and inspection services**

Name of Authority	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
Link	http://stm.fi/en/frontpage
Short abstract	<p>In Finland the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health is responsible for the preparation of OSH legislation, the enforcement and development of OSH, statutory insurance, gender equality and the development of occupational health care. This Ministry works closely with other ministries on any matters that may be related to OSH.</p> <p>The Department of Health is responsible for the development of occupational health service legislation and is also formulates the national strategies for the occupational health services. The Department for Occupational Safety and Health is responsible for the development of national occupational safety and health policies, the coordination of research in occupational safety and health issues, and the efficient application of research information.</p>
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Name of Authority	Ministry of Employment and the Economy
Link	http://tem.fi/en/frontpage
Short abstract	<p>One of the main tasks of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy is to smooth out difficulties in the operation of the labour market and work organization. It prepares essential labour legislation together with the labour market organizations.</p>
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Name of Authority	Department for Occupational Safety and Health
Link	http://stm.fi/en/working-life
Short abstract	<p>The Department for Occupational Safety and Health with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health is the highest Government body for OSH Administration and it supervises independent Labour Inspectorates. Finland is divided into six independent Occupational Safety and Health Inspectorates (Regional State Administrative Agencies; Aluehallintovirasto, AVI; Regionförvaltningsverket).</p> <p>The responsibilities and rights of the OSH authorities are described in the Act on Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement and Cooperation on Occupational Safety and Health at Workplaces (44/2006).</p>

	The Act on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (16/1993) defines the tasks to be undertaken by the occupational safety and health authorities.
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Name of Authority	Regional State Administrative Agencies
Link	http://www.avi.fi/fi/web/avi/tyosuojelu#.Wqos65POUdU
Short abstract	<p>The Inspectorates provide instructions and advice on applying the regulations on occupational safety and health matters, working conditions, employment and equality, and ensures that there is adherence to these regulations and guidelines in the workplaces.</p> <p>The OSH authorities need to monitor compliance with more than 100 items of legislation. The most important of these legislative acts are the Occupational Safety and Health Act and the Decrees based upon it, the Occupational Health Care Act, the Employment Contracts Act, the Working Hours Act, the Annual Holidays Act and the Young Workers' Protection Act. The OSH authorities also investigate serious occupational accidents and major cases of occupational diseases.</p>
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Name of Authority	Safety Technology Authority (Turvallisuus- ja kemikaalivirasto, TUKES; Säkerhets- och kemikalieverket)
Link	http://www.tukes.fi/en/
Short abstract	The Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency (Tukes) is a national licensing and supervisory authority to endorse the safety and reliability of products, services and industrial activities in Finland.
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Name of Authority	Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (Säteilyturvakeskus, STUK; Strålsäkerhetscentralen)
Link	http://www.stuk.fi/web/en
Short abstract	Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (STUK) supervises radiation and nuclear safety in Finland. The purpose of STUK is to protect people, society, the environment and future generations from the detrimental effects of radiation.
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Name of Authority	National Consumer Administration (Kuluttajavirasto; Konsumentverket)
Link	https://www.kkv.fi/en/
Short abstract	The Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority (FCCA) is tasked with ensuring good market performance. The Competition Division removes barriers to competition, ensuring that consumers are offered competitive alternatives. The Consumer Division, on the other hand, ensures that consumers have access to sufficient, accurate, and truthful information for making choices, and that the practices companies use in marketing and their customer relations are appropriate and the contract terms applied by them are reasonable.
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Name of Authority	The National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health (Sosiaali- ja terveystalouden lupa- ja valvontavirasto, Valvira; Tillstånds- och tillsynsverket för social- och hälsovård)
Link	http://www.valvira.fi/web/en
Short abstract	Valvira is a national agency operating under the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, charged with the supervision of the social and health care, alcohol and environmental health sectors. Valvira provides licensing for social and health care providers and offers guidance to the Regional State Administrative Agencies to achieve harmonised licensing, guidance and supervisory practices throughout Finland.
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Name of Authority	The Finnish Transport Safety Agency (Liikenteen turvallisuusvirasto, Trafi; Trafiksäkerhetsverket)
Link	https://www.trafi.fi/en
Short abstract	Trafi develops the safety of the transport system, promotes environmentally friendly transport solutions and is responsible for transport system regulatory duties.
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■ Compensation and insurance bodies

Name of the Body	The Federation of Accident Insurance Institutions (Tapaturmavakuutuslaitosten liitto, TVL; Olycksfallsförsäkringsanstaltens förbund (OFF))
Link	http://www.tvk.fi/en/
Short abstract	In Finland, occupational accident insurance is offered by 12 private accident insurance companies under the supervision of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. The accident insurance system is financed through premiums paid by the employers. Worker' Compensation center (Tapaturmavakuutuskeskus, TVK) coordinates the statutory accident insurance. The TVK is a liaison organisation for the insurance companies. It combines statistics on occupational accidents and diseases together with their causes and consequences, and helps prevent these in the future. An occupational safety and health committee, with representatives from the labour market organisations and the insurance sector, directs TVK's OSH activities and co-ordinates the insurance sector. In addition, TVK investigates fatal occupational injuries. These are examined by an investigation board which has representatives from the central labour market organisations, insurance companies and the Centre for Occupational Safety (Työturvallisuuskeskus, TTK; Arbetarskyddscentralen)
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Name of the Body	The Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kansaneläkelaitos, KELA; Folkpensionsanstalten)
Link	http://www.kela.fi/web/en
Short abstract	According to Health Insurance Act (1224/2004) employers are entitled to reimbursement from KELA to compensate for 60% of reasonable expenses for preventive services, if the workplace has a procedure for management, follow-up and early support. The reimbursement provided for organizing voluntary curative services is 50% of reasonable expenses. KELA pays sickness allowance as compensation for loss of earnings caused by an illness after a 10 day waiting period.
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■ Research Institutes

Name of the institute	The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, FIOH
Link	https://www.ttl.fi/en/

Short abstract	The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH) is a public expert organization in the field of occupational safety and health and it is supervised by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. The Ministry's coordinates the preparation of the agreement about the Institute's performance targets. The Institute is a research and advisory organisation which carries out a wide variety of hazard and risk assessment activities and develops general risk assessment methods and practices. The research focuses on transforming of occupational health services, supporting work ability and working careers, in SME's and growth and digitalization. Business activities of the institute comprise of occupational medicine clinic, healthy workspaces consultations, work environment laboratories, occupational hygiene consultations and solutions for safety (protective devices).
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Name of the institute	The Technical Research Centre of Finland, VTT
Link	http://www.vttresearch.com
Short abstract	VTT is an independent expert organisation providing comprehensive technology and research services for both domestic and international clients, private companies and the public sector. Research and development intended to promote occupational safety and health is often carried out as a part of other technological development aimed at higher competitiveness, productivity and quality. VTT carries out activities in areas such as hazard identification and risk assessment. The VTT operates under the Ministry of the Employment and the Economy
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■ Prevention institutes

Name of the institute	NONE
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Short abstract	In Finland, prevention and preventive actions are included in all activities for maintaining and improving safety and health at work. Therefore there are no specific organisations handling only preventive activities, instead all OSH actors carry out preventive activities.
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▪ **Other OSH services**

Name of Association	Finnish Association of Occupational Health Physicians (Suomen Työterveyslääkäri yhdistys ry., STLY; Finlands Företagsläkarförening rf.)
Link	https://www.stly.fi/stly/
Short abstract	<p>The Association (STLY) aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To promote occupational health care in all sectors of employment; ▪ To improve members' professional skills and promote ethical practices; ▪ To promote members' work ability and well-being; ▪ To co-operate with all actors endeavouring to enhance and support Finnish occupational health care; ▪ To support research on occupational health care.
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Name of Association	The Finnish Association of Occupational Health Nurses (FAOHN) (Suomen työterveyshoitajaliitto ry., STTHL; Finlands Företagshälsovårdareförbund)
Link	https://www.stthl.net/in-english/
Short abstract	<p>The goals of the Association (FAOHN) are to develop occupational health nursing as a profession, and to promote the employment of these nurses. FAOHN promotes health care services for the working population, carries out information and publishing activities, and participates in international collaboration as ways to develop occupational health.</p>
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Name of Association	Association of Finnish Physiotherapists in Occupational Health ((Työfysioterapeutit ry.; Finlands Företagsfysioterapeuter)
Link	http://www.tyofysioterapeutit.fi/
Short abstract	<p>The Association aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To support physiotherapists working in the occupational health care sector and to enhance their professional skills; ▪ To communicate issues related to professional expertise;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaboration between research centres and educational institutes; ▪ Inter-professional collaboration with other well-being service providers; ▪ To follow and influence the legislation and changes in society in relation to physiotherapists' work in occupational health.
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Name of Association	Association of Finnish Safety Managers (Työsujelupäälliköt ry., Finnsafe)
Link	https://www.finnsafe.net/fin/index.php/fi/
Short abstract	<p>Finnsafe aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote workplace safety and wellbeing, and improve the working environment; ▪ Increase its members' knowledge about workplace safety, wellbeing and the working environment; ▪ Provide its members in Finland and abroad with relevant information on the subject; ▪ Create training and educational opportunities for its members; ▪ Act as a professional organization and to represent its members, i.e. by issuing statements on relevant issues.
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Name of Association	Finnish Occupational Hygiene Society (FOHS) (Suomen Työhygienian seura; STSH)
Link	http://www.sths.fi/
Short abstract	FOHS improves the level of knowledge and professional skills of individuals working in the field of the occupational hygiene.
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Name of Association	Finnish Ergophthalmological Society (Suomen Työnäköseura ry.)
Link	http://www.tyonako.fi
Short abstract	The Society aims to promote and bring into practice research on ophthalmology at work and to increase and deliver knowledge on ergophthalmology in co-operation with other stakeholders.

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■ **Standardization Bodies**

Name of the Body	The Finnish Standards Association (Suomen Standardoimisliitto SFS ry.)
Link	https://www.sfs.fi/en
Short abstract	<p>The Finnish Standards Association (Suomen Standardoimisliitto SFS ry.) is the central body for standardisation in Finland. Its membership includes the central government and professional, commercial and industrial organisations. The Association approves national SFS standards and coordinates national standardisation. National Standards are sold in Finland exclusively by SFS. Standardization is carried out at international, regional, national and company levels. The Association also manages the Nordic and European environmental labelling systems for products and services.</p> <p>SFS promotes the use of standards in Finland by disseminating information on international, foreign and Finnish standards and drafts. SFS is the Finnish source for all international standards and drafts of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), for European standards and drafts of CEN, and for publications of ISO member bodies. SFS also distributes other foreign standards and technical regulations.</p>
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