

# OSH AUTHORITIES

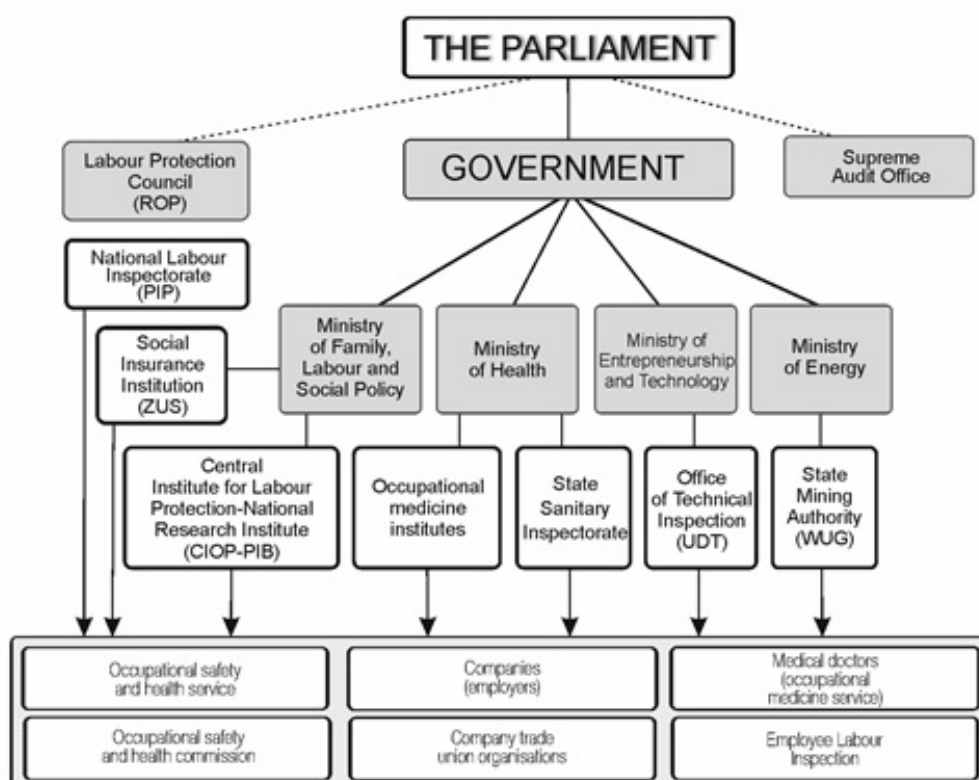
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### POLAND

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#### OSH Infrastructure

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Name of Authority	The Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy
Link	<a href="https://www.mpips.gov.pl/en/">https://www.mpips.gov.pl/en/</a>
Short abstract	The Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy occupies a key role in the labour protection system in Poland. The Ministry is the main body responsible for the development and implementation of OSH national strategy and policies.

	The institutions overseeing enterprise compliance with the OSH regulations include the National Labour Inspectorate (Państwowa Inspekcja Pracy), the State Sanitary Inspection (Państwowa Inspekcja Sanitarna), the Office of Technical Inspection (Urząd Dozoru Technicznego), and the State Mining Authority (Wyższy Urząd Górniczy).
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Name of Authority	Labour Protection Council of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland (Rada Ochrony Pracy, ROP)
Link	<a href="http://rop.sejm.gov.pl/">http://rop.sejm.gov.pl/</a>
Short abstract	Labour Protection Council of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland (Rada Ochrony Pracy, ROP) is an institution of the Lower Chamber of the Polish Parliament (Sejm) that oversees general working conditions in Poland and the National Labour Inspectorate's operations. Its major responsibilities include: assessing the National Labour Inspectorate's activities, reviewing labour protection legal acts drafts and analysis of labour protection issues at national level.
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Name of Authority	National Labour Inspectorate (Państwowa Inspekcja Pracy, PIP)
Link	<a href="https://www.pip.gov.pl/en">https://www.pip.gov.pl/en</a>
Short abstract	<p>National Labour Inspectorate (Państwowa Inspekcja Pracy, PIP) is subordinate to the Lower Chamber of the Polish Parliament (Sejm) and supervised by the Labour Protection Council whose role it is to evaluate the Inspectorate's programmes, tasks and activities, and analyse labour protection issues at national level. The Inspectorate is formed of the Chief Labour Inspectorate and District Labour Inspectorates and presided by the Chief Labour Inspector. A District Labour Inspectorate covers one or more provinces. Sub-district offices may be established within the structure of District Labour Inspectorates.</p> <p>The main responsibilities of the National Labour Inspectorate's include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• supervision and inspection of enterprise compliance with labour law;</li> <li>• OSH regulations compliance audit of refurbished and modernised workplaces, machinery, technical devices and other technologies;</li> <li>• legal employment and other paid work inspection (including employment of foreign workers);</li> <li>• OSH standards compliance audit of sold PPE merchandise as governed by separate regulations;</li> <li>• undertaking steps to reduce health related work-hazards;</li> <li>• cooperation with environmental protection agencies on auditing regulations aimed at countering industry environmental hazards;</li> <li>• reviewing labour law acts drafts.</li> </ul>
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Name of Authority	State Sanitary Inspectorate Inspection (Państwowa Inspekcja Sanitarna, PIS)
Link	<a href="https://gis.gov.pl/en/">https://gis.gov.pl/en/</a>
Short abstract	<p>State Sanitary Inspectorate Inspection (Państwowa Inspekcja Sanitarna, PIS) is subordinate to the Ministry of Health and presided by the Chief Sanitary Inspector. The State Sanitary Inspectorate is the primary institution responsible for the public health protection. It focuses particularly on infectious disease control, food and nutrition safety, environmental hygiene, health promotion and other public health related issues. The State Sanitary Inspectorate realises its goals through the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conducting a sustained and preventive sanitary supervision;</li> <li>• preparing epidemiological analysis, studies and assessments;</li> <li>• overseeing working conditions in various workplaces, focusing on harmful factors such as dust, noise, vibration, chemical agents and their levels;</li> <li>• supervision of environmental hygiene and food safety,</li> <li>• promotion of public health, dissemination of proper hygiene habits and disease prevention methods.</li> </ul>
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Name of Authority	Office of Technical Inspection (Urząd Dozoru Technicznego, UDT)
Link	<a href="https://www.udt.gov.pl/">https://www.udt.gov.pl/</a>
Short abstract	<p>Office of Technical Inspection (Urząd Dozoru Technicznego, UDT) is a Polish inspection body established in order to ensure safety of technical devices and installations. The Office's main goal is to assess the conformity of technical equipment with relevant regulations and specifications in the product design, manufacture and service process. Its duties also include technical safety &amp; failure analysis as well as dissemination of information on technical safety and related issues. The Office of Technical Inspection is a non-profit organisation, independent at both financial and operational level.</p>
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Name of Authority	State Mining Authority (Wyższy Urząd Górniczy, WUG)
Link	<a href="http://www.wug.gov.pl/">http://www.wug.gov.pl/</a>
Short abstract	<p>State Mining Authority (Wyższy Urząd Górniczy, WUG) was established by the Geological and Mining Law Act and is presided by the President of the State Mining Authority who is subordinate to the Minister of Energy (Minister Energii).</p> <p>The main responsibility of the State Mining Authority is to perform control and supervision over work safety and health; fire protection; mine rescue; management of mineral deposits in the extraction process; environmental protection, including damage prevention; mining plant construction and closure, including land reclamation and post mining area rehabilitation.</p>

	<p>The mission of the State Mining Authority is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improve work safety in mines;</li> <li>• protect miners' health;</li> <li>• ensure efficient and sustainable management of mineral deposits;</li> <li>• reduce the negative impact of the extractive industry on the environment</li> </ul>
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▪ **Compensation and insurance bodies**

Name of the Body	Social Insurance Institution (ZUS)
Link	<a href="http://www.zus.pl/">http://www.zus.pl/</a>
Short abstract	<p>Social Insurance Institution (Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych, ZUS) collects social and health insurance contributions of citizens and distributes benefits (e.g. pensions, sickness allowance, maternity allowance, etc.). The Social Insurance Institution is the disposer of the Social Insurance Fund (Fundusz Ubezpieczeń Społecznych, FUS; SIF) established on 1 January 1999 by virtue of the Social Insurance System Act, to perform social insurance related tasks[34]. The following funds are distinguished within SIF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• old-age pension fund, established to finance old-age pensions and public deficit expenditure in order to guarantee the pay out of funded pensions;</li> <li>• pension fund established to finance, among others: incapacity benefit, training benefit, survivors' pensions, supplements to survivors' pensions for complete orphans, nursing allowance, funeral grants, etc.;</li> <li>• sickness fund, established to finance sickness, maternity, care, compensatory allowances, rehabilitation benefits;</li> <li>• accident fund, established to finance occupational accident pensions and allowances, lump-sum compensations, incapacity benefit as a direct result of occupational accident or disease.</li> </ul> <p>Compulsory occupational accident insurance covers persons subject to pension insurance, for example: employees, freelancers (contractors), members of agricultural production cooperatives, persons running an agriculture related business and their contractors.</p> <p>A percentage rate of the occupational accident insurance contribution is differentiated for individual contribution payers and depends on the occupational risk category as well as the number of persons covered by the work accident insurance.</p>
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Name of the Body	The Agricultural Social Insurance Fund (Kasa Rolniczego Ubezpieczenia Społecznego, KRUS)
Link	<a href="https://www.krus.gov.pl/en/">https://www.krus.gov.pl/en/</a>

Short abstract	The Agricultural Social Insurance Fund (Kasa Rolniczego Ubezpieczenia Społecznego, KRUS)[36] has been established as a unique, social insurance institution, fully dedicated to rural areas. The purpose of creating such a separate, independent social insurance body was to ensure an efficient administration of the agricultural social insurance funds as well as undertake entirely new responsibilities resulting from the particular needs of rural communities
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▪ **Research institutes**

Name of Institute	Central Institute for Labour Protection – National Research Institute (CIOP-PIB)
Link	<a href="http://www.ciop.pl/">http://www.ciop.pl/</a>
Short abstract	Central Institute for Labour Protection - National Research Institute (Centralny Instytut Ochrony Pracy – Państwowy Instytut Badawczy, CIOP-PIB) is the main scientific research institution in Poland that employs a comprehensive approach to improvement of working conditions according to human psychophysical abilities. The Institute's main activity constitute research and development works, leading to new technical and organisational solutions in the area of labour protection, occupational safety, health and ergonomics as well as other tasks essential for reaching the goals of the socio-economic policy in the field. The Institute is a legally, organisationally, economically and financially independent state body.
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Name of Institute	Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine (IMP)
Link	<a href="http://www.imp.lodz.pl/home_en">http://www.imp.lodz.pl/home_en</a>
Short abstract	Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine (Instytut Medycyny Pracy im. Prof. J. Nofera, IMP) is a scientific research centre that has been active for over fifty years on all aspects of occupational medicine, public health and environmental health. The scope of its activity has evolved over time, in line with national and global standards as well as the Institute's goal of providing highest quality recommendations, contributing to the improvement of life and working conditions. The Institute is also the country's leading medical training centre offering training courses to medical professionals.
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Name of Institute	Institute of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health (IMPiZŚ)
Link	<a href="http://www.imp.sosnowiec.pl/">http://www.imp.sosnowiec.pl/</a>

Short abstract	Institute of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health (Instytut Medycyny Pracy i Zdrowia Środowiskowego, IMPiZŚ) is a scientific research centre focused on occupational medicine and environmental health research as well as study, implementation, training, diagnostic and treatment activities. The Institute has been engaged in promoting public health and disease prevention awareness campaigns.
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Name of Authority	Central Mining Institute (Główny Instytut Górnictwa, GIG)
Link	<a href="http://www.gig.eu/pl">http://www.gig.eu/pl</a>
Short abstract	The Central Mining Institute is a scientific research and development organisation dedicated to the mining industry as well as other types of SMEs, national and local administration institutions and international partners.
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Name of Authority	Institute of Rural Health (Instytut Medycyny Wsi, IMW)
Link	<a href="http://www.imw.lublin.pl/">http://www.imw.lublin.pl/</a>
Short abstract	<p>The Institute of Rural Health is a scientific research and treatment services institution dedicated to a wide range of rural public health and environment health issues. The Institute's activities cover the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assessment of public health risks in rural areas;</li> <li>• assessment of environmental and working conditions in rural areas;</li> <li>• influencing the rural health care policy.</li> </ul>
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#### ▪ Prevention Services

Name of Service	N.A.
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#### ▪ Other OSH Services

Name of Association	National Association of employees for safety services and work hygienes, Ogólnopolskie Stowarzyszenie Pracowników Służby BHP
Link	<a href="http://www.ospsbhp.pl/">http://www.ospsbhp.pl/</a>

Short abstract	The National Association of employees for safety services and work hygienes cares about the improvement of knowledge and skills of their members and the promotion of health and safety at work. They create conditions for the integration of the environment and the opportunity to express opinions on matters related to new legal and organizational solutions related to occupational health and safety. They also create new work standards, and comply with the rules of professional ethics.
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Name of Association	Polish Association of Workers of Health and Safety Service (Polskie 'Stowarzyszenie Pracowników Służby BHP)
Link	<a href="http://www.pspsbhp.org.pl">http://www.pspsbhp.org.pl</a>
Short abstract	The Association was established in 2004. The main purpose of their activities is to educate both employers, employees and people dealing with occupational safety issues. In their activities, the association has been using unconventional methods and measures since the very beginning.
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Name of Association	Polish Association of Health and Safety Appraisers (Polskie Stowarzyszenie Rzeczoznawców Bhp)
Link	<a href="http://www.psrbhp.pl/index.html">http://www.psrbhp.pl/index.html</a>
Short abstract	The Polish Association of Health and Safety Appraisers was founded on June 15, 2011, by almost all participants of the periodic training for health and safety experts, which took place on June 13-15, 2011 at the National Labor Inspectorate Training Center in Wrocław. Currently, the Association associates about 150 members, health and safety experts from all provinces.
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Name of Association	Polish Association of Producers and Distributors of Individual Protection Agents (Polskie Zrzeszenie Producentów i Dystrybutorów Środków Ochrony Indywidualnej)
Link	<a href="http://www.zrzeszenie-bhp.org/pl/">http://www.zrzeszenie-bhp.org/pl/</a>
Short abstract	<p>The purpose of the Association is: (1) preparation of domestic producers and distributors for introduction on the domestic market, European Union and other markets for personal protective equipment that meet the requirements of EU directives, (2) initiating and establishing contacts with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• national and international organizations, in particular:</li> <li>• European Safety Federation (ESF),</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Horizontal Committee of Notified Units and vertical groups operating in the field of applicable directives in the European Union,</li> <li>national and European organizations conducting standardization activities in the field of personal protective equipment</li> </ul>
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▪ **Standardization bodies**

Name of the Body	The Polish Committee for Standardization (PKN)
Link	<a href="http://www.pkn.pl/">http://www.pkn.pl/</a>
Short abstract	The Polish Committee for Standardization (Polski Komitet Normalizacyjny, PKN) is a national standards body responsible for the organisation of standardisation activities. The PKN is not a government agency but a body governed by public law. The basis for its operations constitutes the Polish Standardization Act of 12 September 2002, defining the principal goals and responsibilities of the Committee. PKN is a legally authorised body to represent the interests of Poland in the international standardisation arena.
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