

OSH AUTHORITIES

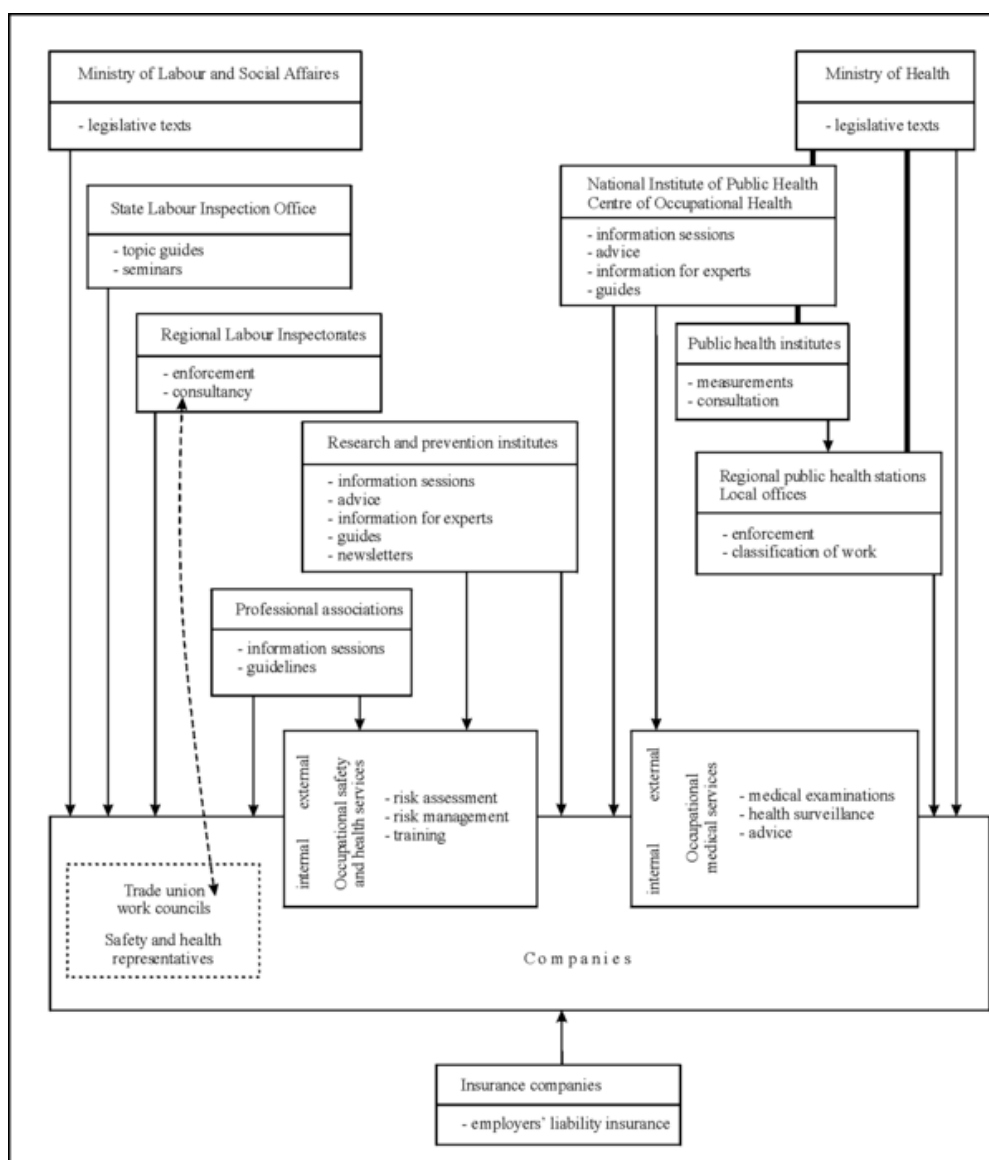
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CZECH REPUBLIC

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OSH Infrastructure

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▪ **OSH Authorities**

Name of the Authority	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Ministerstvo práce a sociálních věcí)
Link	http://www.mpsv.cz/
Short abstract	In the Czech Republic occupational safety and occupational health has traditionally two distinct features. While the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Ministerstvo práce a sociálních věcí) is responsible for occupational safety and labour inspection, the Ministry of Health (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví) is competent for public health that includes occupational health and is in charge of occupational health inspection. Although this distinction is also followed by the executive agencies of the two ministries, they co-operate closely on international, national and regional levels in the field of OSH. The systems of administrative authorities are run from state budget. Both are authorized to impose sanctions if they find severe deviations during inspection activities.
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Name of the Authority	Ministry of Health (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví)
Link	http://www.mzcr.cz/
Short abstract	In the Czech Republic occupational safety and occupational health has traditionally two distinct features. While the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Ministerstvo práce a sociálních věcí) is responsible for occupational safety and labour inspection, the Ministry of Health (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví) is competent for public health that includes occupational health and is in charge of occupational health inspection. Although this distinction is also followed by the executive agencies of the two ministries, they co-operate closely on international, national and regional levels in the field of OSH. The systems of administrative authorities are run from state budget. Both are authorized to impose sanctions if they find severe deviations during inspection activities.
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Name of the Authority	State Labour Inspection Office (Státní úřad inspekce práce – SÚIP)
Link	http://www.suip.cz/
Short abstract	Labour inspectorates were established as a separate authority in 2005 by Act No. 251/2005 Coll. on Labour Inspection, based on the predecessor Czech Office of Labour Safety. The State Labour Inspection Office and its eight subordinated Regional Labour Inspectorates are concerned with the inspection of compliance with occupational safety and health protection, as well as the control of protection of labour relations and working conditions. Employers and employees can make advantage of the seminars and individual consultancy services provided by the central headquarters and the regional inspectorates.
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■ Compensation and insurance bodies

Name of the Body	The Czech Insurance Company (Česká pojišťovna)
Link	http://www.ceskapojistovna.cz/
Short abstract	<p>Currently Decree No. 125/1993 assigns two private insurance companies that provide accident insurance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Czech Insurance Company (Česká pojišťovna) 2. Kooperativa Insurance Company (Kooperativa pojišťovna) <p>The system does not cover self-employed.</p> <p>Their activity does not extend to prevention.</p> <p>In the case of Česká pojišťovna, those employers who have been covered by this insurance contract with Česká pojišťovna until 31 December 1992 are insured, and employers are also insured to whom the rights and obligations of the employment relationship are transferred to the legal successor of these employers. All other employers are insured with Kooperativa pojišťovny.</p>

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Name of the Body	Kooperativa Insurance Company (Kooperativa pojišťovna)
Link	http://www.koop.cz/
Short abstract	<p>Currently Decree No. 125/1993 assigns two private insurance companies that provide accident insurance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Czech Insurance Company (Česká pojišťovna) 2. Kooperativa Insurance Company (Kooperativa pojišťovna) <p>The system does not cover self-employed.</p> <p>Their activity does not extend to prevention.</p>
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▪ Research Institutes

Name of the Institute	Occupational Safety Research Institute (Výzkumný ústav bezpečnosti práce – VÚBP)
Link	http://www.vubp.cz/
Short abstract	<p>The Occupational Safety Research Institute (VÚBP) is a public research institution founded by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic. The main activity of VÚBP is scientific and operational research, verification and application of methods and means in the area of risk prevention relating to health or life impairment of persons, the environment and patrimony, relating to work activities and improving well-being at work as well as quality of working life. VÚBP is the analytical and conceptual executive office for OSH issues.</p>

	Further activities of the Institute involve development and maintenance of factual, bibliographical and reporting systems in OSH on national level; selected standardization, testing and certification tasks in the field of personal protective equipment, acting as an office for prevention of major accidents; training, education and promotion of OSH, consultation centre for OSH expertise. In the above-mentioned core areas the Institute also conducts publishing as well as business activities.
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Name of the Institute	VŠB – Technical University of Ostrava, Faculty of Safety Engineering
Link	http://www.fbi.vsb.cz/cs/okruhy/o-fakulte/
Short abstract	VŠB – Technical University of Ostrava, Faculty of Safety Engineering (Fakulta bezpečnostního inženýrství VŠB – Technické univerzity Ostrava) carries out scientific research with a focus on fire protection, industrial safety, occupational and process safety, engineering safety of persons and property and civil protection. It publishes the biannual periodical Transactions of the VŠB – Technical University of Ostrava, Safety Engineering Series (Sborník vědeckých prací Vysoké školy báňské – Technické univerzity Ostrava, Řada bezpečnostní inženýrství) in Czech, Slovak and English.
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Name of the Institute	Centre of Occupational Health (Centrum hygieny práce a pracovního lékařství - CHPPL)
Link	http://www.szu.cz/centrum-hygieny-prace-a-pracovniho-lekarstvi
Short abstract	Within the National Institute of Public Health, the Centre of Occupational Health carries out occupational health related research.

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▪ Other OSH services

Name of the Service	Czech Ergonomic Society (Česká ergonomická společnost)
Link	http://www.vubp.cz/ces/
Short abstract	The mission of the non-governmental independent professional association of individuals is to promote the development of ergonomics and its application in practice. It brings together experts in developing and applying ergonomics in various areas of life and work, to contribute to the humanisation of human activity and to optimise the relationship between human abilities and the conditions for its activities and to cooperate with other organizations that have a similar focus.
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Name of the Service	Association of Occupational Safety and Fire Protection Technicians of the Czech Republic (Asociace techniků bezpečnosti práce a požární ochrany České republiky)
Link	http://www.asociacebozp-po.cz/
Short abstract	The professional association for accredited education and vocational training of workers in occupational safety and fire protection brings together qualified individuals in the field of work safety with years of experience. Professional activities of the association are open to all legal entities and individuals doing business, especially to small and medium size businesses.
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Name of the Service	Chamber of OSH and Fire Protection of the Czech Republic (Komora bezpečnosti a ochrany zdraví při práci a požární ochrany České republiky)
Link	http://www.komora-bozp-po.cz/
Short abstract	As a legal successor of the Guild member of the Chamber of Commerce, has become a guarantor for the fields of OSH and fire protection. The Chamber provides its members with professional services and supports their professional growth. There is a special “Information webpage for health and safety and fire protection” created, which provides information to all interested parties.
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Name of the Service	Association of Accredited and Authorized Organizations (Asociace autorizovaných a akreditovaných organizací – AAAO)
Link	http://www.aaao.cz/
Short abstract	The voluntary association of legal entities (Inspectorates) providing services in testing, certification, inspection, assessment, etc. for products, management systems, persons, processes, work activities, etc. (allowing free movement of goods with the EU). Members are primarily active in the controlled area in relation to the designation CE (as well as authorized persons notified sites operating in the EU), but also the quality of unregulated products, services, etc. as accredited bodies.
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Name of the service	Czech Technology Platform on Industrial Safety – CZ-TPIS (Česká technologická platforma bezpečnosti průmyslu)
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Link	http://www.cztpis.cz/
Short abstract	The mission of this non-governmental association is to strengthen and develop industrial safety of industry and to identify the needs of the Czech Republic and subsequently to promote local businesses at the European level through ETPIS. With its activities it links industry, universities, and research and government authorities and creates a bridge between science, research and industry in the field of industrial safety.
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Name of the service	Association of Safety Consultants and Experts (Asociace bezpečnostních poradců a znalců – ABPZ)
Link	http://dgsa-rid.cz/
Short abstract	The voluntary, non-profit and independent association aims to develop formal knowledge on transport safety.
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Name of the service	Society of Occupational Medicine (Společnost pracovního lékařství)
Link	http://www.pracovni-lekarstvi.cz/
Short abstract	The society, a member of the Czech Medical Association of Jan Evangelista Purkyně brings together specialists in the field of occupational medicine, and provides among others opinions on the issues to the Ministry of Health, publishes guidelines and organises meetings or conferences.
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▪ **Prevention services**

Name of the service	Centre of Occupational Health (Centrum hygieny práce a pracovního lékařství - CHPPL)
Link	http://www.szu.cz/centrum-hygieny-prace-a-pracovniho-lekarstvi
Short abstract	The mission of the Centre is to study the effects of working conditions and occupational risks on health of workers and to act as an expert body for the Ministry of Health in the field of occupational health. It does research, provides expert background for legislation and maintains international co-operation, including the areas of health effects of work and working conditions, prevention, health promotion, diagnosis, therapy and medico-legal aspects of occupational and/or other work-related diseases. The Centre is an organizational unit of the National Institute of Public Health (Státní zdravotní ústav - SZÚ).
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Name of the service	The Occupational Safety Research Institute (Výzkumný ústav bezpečnosti práce – VÚBP)
Link	http://www.vubp.cz/
Short abstract	The Occupational Safety Research Institute (VÚBP) is a public research institution founded by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic. One of the key activities of VÚBP is the application of methods and means in the area of risk prevention relating to health and safety at work. The institute also focuses on education and promotion of OSH, and is a consultation centre for OSH expertise.
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▪ **Standardization bodies**

Name of the Body	Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing (Úřad pro technickou normalizaci, metrologii a státní zkušebnictví - ÚNMZ)
Link	http://www.unmz.cz/
Short abstract	The Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing (Úřad pro technickou normalizaci, metrologii a státní zkušebnictví – ÚNMZ), which was established by Act No. 20/1993 Coll. on the Organisation of the State Administration in the Field of Standards, Metrology and Testing, is a state administration body responsible to the Ministry of Industry and Trade. The competency of the office covers technical standardization, metrology, testing, harmonization of technical regulations and ensuring development and publication of Czech standards.
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