

OSH AUTHORITIES

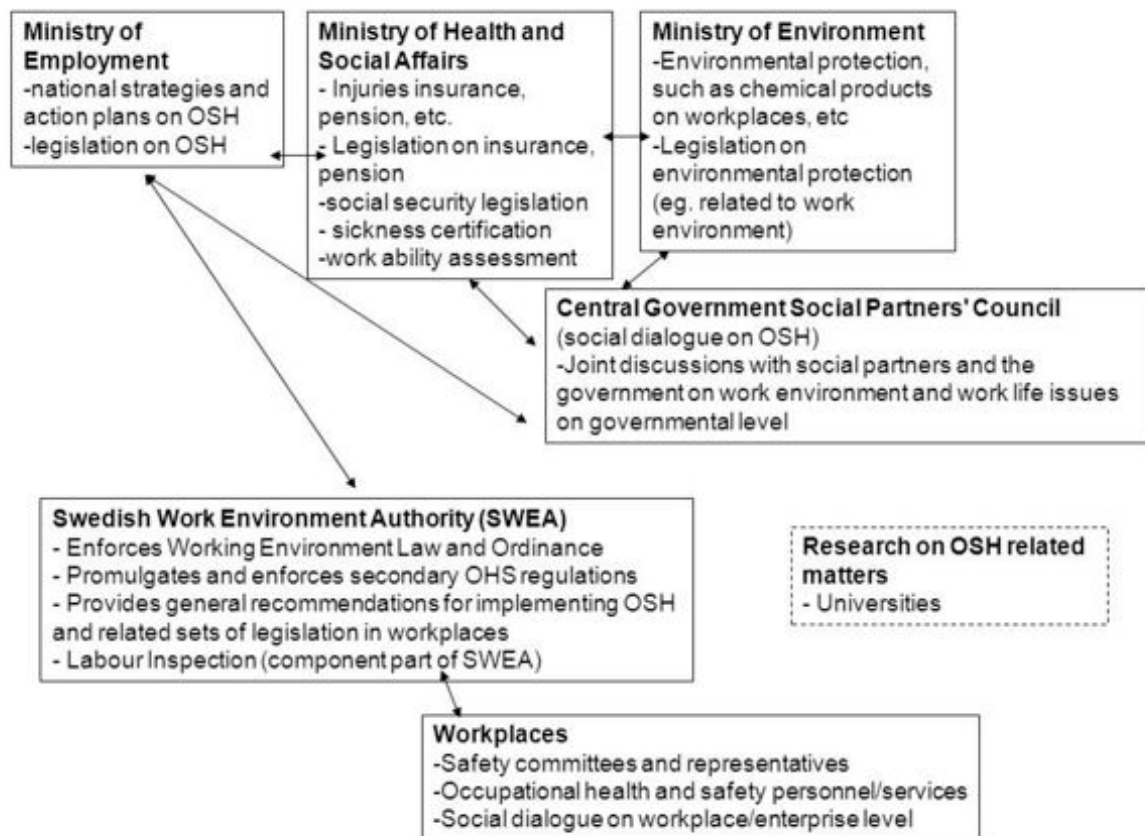
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Name of Authority	The Ministry of Employment (Arbetsmarknadsdepartementet)
Link	http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/8281

Short abstract	The Ministry of Employment (Arbetsmarknadsdepartementet) has a Division for Working Life dealing with issues related to the working environment, working hours, employment legislation etc.
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Name of Authority	The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (Socialdepartementet)
Link	http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/2061
Short abstract	The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (Socialdepartementet) is responsible for questions regarding social security legislation, sickness certification, work ability assessment occupational injury insurance, pensions etc.
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Name of Authority	The Ministry of the Environment (Miljödepartementet)
Link	http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/2066
Short abstract	The Ministry of the Environment (Miljödepartementet) is responsible for environmental protection, indoor environment, chemical products, etc.
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Name of Authority	The Central Government Social Partners' Council (Partsrådet)
Link	http://partsradet.se/
Short abstract	The Central Government Social Partners' Council (Partsrådet) is the labour market parties' joint council on work environment and work life matters in the government
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Name of Authority	The Swedish Work Environment Authority, SWEA (Arbetsmiljöverket, AV)
Link	http://www.av.se/
Short abstract	The Swedish Work Environment Authority, SWEA (Arbetsmiljöverket, AV) is the central administrative authority for questions relating to the work environment and working hours. The framework for Provisions issued by the SWEA is defined in The Work Environment Act. The principal functions of SWEA are to issue ordinances and general recommendations for the implementation of legislation, to have a lot of information material on its website (www.av.se) as well as inspect workplaces.

	<p>SWEA is Sweden's "focal point" to the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work. SWEA also represents the Swedish government on the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work (ACSH) which is a tripartite committee which assists the European Commission by preparing, implementing and evaluating all occupational health and safety activities. The SWEA is also represented on the Senior Labour Inspectors' Committee (SLIC), which advises the European Commission and comprises senior officials from the Member States' occupational health and safety authorities or their equivalent.</p> <p>The Inspection Department of the Swedish Work Environment Authority supervises the implementation of safety and health at work regulations at company level. Annually some 20.000 inspections are carried out by 280 inspectors. The inspections check that the employer has an effective organisation for systematic work environment management. The work environment is checked from a holistic perspective of the risks (physical, mental and social), but there are cases when the inspection is targeted to a particular hazard (such as a type of machine or a type of job). SWEA ensures that the working environment meets the requirements set out in occupational health and safety legislation.</p>
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▪ Compensation and insurance bodies

Name of the Body	Trygghetsförsäkring vid arbetsskada (TFA)
Link	No website
Short abstract	<p>The Occupational Injury Insurance Act applies to all persons employed in Sweden. All gainfully employed persons (employees, temporary workers, self-employed persons, certain students) are covered by an occupational insurance scheme (TFA, Trygghetsförsäkring vid arbetsskada, TFA) . There are four types of occupational injuries covered under the scheme: accidents at work; travel accidents; occupational illnesses; and infection/contagion. There is no authorised list of occupational diseases, so an occupational disease must be determined "with a high degree of probability" that factors on the job have caused the injury. The scheme compensates the loss of income, additional costs, rehabilitation, pain and suffering, disability and injury.[]</p>
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Name of the Body	The Swedish Social Insurance Agency (Försäkringskassan)
Link	https://www.forsakringskassan.se
Short abstract	<p>In a case of sickness (not related to work) the first day is a waiting period when no compensation is paid. The employer pays sick pay compensation during days 2-14 of the sickness to the amount of 80% of the employee's salary. After the sick pay period, sickness benefit to the amount of 80% of the work income is paid by the Swedish Social Insurance Agency (Försäkringskassan) which administers social insurance in Sweden.</p>

	<p>A sickness benefit can be granted for a maximum of 364 days during a 15 month period. Extended sickness benefit can be obtained for at most 550 days. The amount of the extended sickness benefit is 75% of the work income. If the sickness lasts for more than seven days, a doctor's certificate is required. In certain cases the employer or the Swedish social insurance agency may require a doctor's certificate from the first day of the illness. A doctor's certificate should include the description about how the illness affects the work capacity and the estimate of the length of the illness. If the work ability is permanently reduced for at least a one quarter, the Swedish Social Insurance Agency may replace the sickness benefit with sickness or activity compensation. The amount of full income-related sickness compensation is 64% of the assumed income.</p> <p>According to the Swedish Work Environment Act the employers are responsible for organized work rehabilitation and must make a rehabilitation investigation when an employee has been sick-listed for more than 4 weeks. The employer arranges a rehabilitation investigation in collaboration with the Swedish Social Insurance Agency (Försäkringskassan).</p> <p>The employer must notify the Social Insurance Agency about injuries at work. If the injury is severe or someone has died at work, the employer has to report to the Swedish Work Environment Authority, SWEA immediately. The Swedish Work Environment Authority, SWEA is responsible for official work environment and work injury statistics (ISA statistics) in Sweden.</p>
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▪ Research Institutes

Name of Institute	Swedish council for working life and social research (Forskninsrådet rör arbetsliv och socialvetenskap, FAS)
Link	https://forte.se
Short abstract	Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (Forskninsrådet rör arbetsliv och socialvetenskap, FAS) promotes the accumulation of knowledge in matters relating to working life and the understanding of social conditions and processes through the promotion and support of research and co-operation and dissemination of information. The Council supports basic and applied research relating to working life
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Name of Institute	The Institute of Environmental Medicine (Institutet för Miljömedicin, IMM)
Link	http://ki.se/ki/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=1666&l=en
Short abstract	Institute of Environmental Medicine (Institutet för Miljömedicin, IMM) operates within the Karolinska Institute. It is an interdisciplinary research organisation within the field of environmental medicine.

	In addition to its extensive research activities, IMM is also responsible for several teaching programmes and for investigations and analyses, pertaining to physical and chemical aspects of environmental medicine and health protection. IMM is a World Health Organisation (WHO) Collaboration Centre for environmental health effects. The scientific work at IMM is carried out within the following areas with an interdisciplinary focus: air pollutants and lung disease; metals; dioxins and other halogenated pollutants; indoor environment; tumour diseases; cardiovascular diseases; genetics and the environment; mechanisms of cell killing and toxic cell injury, development of methods; and education and information.
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Name of Institute	The KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Department of Environmental Technology and Work Science (Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan, KTH)
Link	http://www.kth.se/
Short abstract	The KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Department of Environmental Technology and Work Science (Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan, KTH) conducts research into the main fields of environmental sciences: work science and environmental technology. The goal of the research is to achieve practical improvements in work environments and conditions, especially addressing environmental analyses and development of strategies and techniques to minimize waste and emissions of contaminating substances.
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Name of Institute	The Central Government Social Partner's Council (Partsrådet)
Link	http://partsradet.se/
Short abstract	The Central Government Social Partner's Council (Partsrådet) consists of representatives of the state sector organisations and of the state as employer. It is the partners' joint council on work environment matters in the government sector. For instance, its practical functions are observing and initiating scientific research on work environment problems and publishing information and training material.
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Name of Institute	Forestry Research Institute of Sweden (Skogforsk stiftelsen skogsbrukets forskningsinstitut)
Link	http://www.skogforsk.se/
Short abstract	Forestry Research Institute of Sweden (Skogforsk stiftelsen skogsbrukets forskningsinstitut) is a private research institute with the mission to pursue R and D aimed at long-term, profitable, and ecologically sound forestry. The

	institute is supported by the entire forestry industry and the government. One important field of research is human resources and work organisation.
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Name of Institute	The Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems (Vinnova)
Link	http://www.vinnova.se/
Short abstract	Vinnova, the Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems (Verket för innovationssystem) finances research and development in the field of innovation systems for a sustainable development of industry and society. Vinnova does not engage in research; its task is to finance projects which will result in work environment improvements.
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▪ Prevention Services

Name of Service	Prevent Sweden (Former Joint Industrial Safety Council, Arbetarskyddsnämnden)
Link	http://www.prevent.se/
Short abstract	Prevent Sweden (Former Joint Industrial Safety Council, Arbetarskyddsnämnden)[59] works to prevent accidents and improve the work environment, and provides training and training materials. Prevent Sweden is a non-profit organisation and acts on behalf of Sweden's labour market principals: The Confederation of Swedish Enterprise (Svenskt Näringsliv), The Swedish Trade Union Confederation (Landsorganisationen, LO), and The Federation of Salaried Employees in Industry and Services (Privattjänstemannakartellen, PTK).
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▪ Other OSH services

Name of Association	Swedish association of occupational physicians (Svenska Företagsläkarföreningen; SFLF)
Link	http://www.slf.se/templates/AssociationStartPage.aspx?id=10344
Short abstract	The Swedish Work Environment Association (Arbetsmiljöforum, former FFA, Föreningen för arbetarskydd) is a non-profit organisation which is a centre for work environment questions. It aims to promote safe working conditions and publishes the safety periodical Du&Jobbet (You and your job) and other literature, distributes warning signs and posters, etc.

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Name of Association	Association of Occupational Nurses (Riksföreningen för företagssköterskor)
Link	http://www.swenurse.se/foretag
Short abstract	Association of Occupational Nurses (Riksföreningen för företagssköterskor) promotes and develops the profession of occupational nurses in Sweden. It works for education and training of nurses and research about work and health.
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Name of Association	Swedish Association of Ergonomists (Ergonomi och Human factors Sällskapet Sverige, EHSS)
Link	http://www.ergonomisallskapet.se/foreningen.html
Short abstract	Swedish Association of Ergonomists (Ergonomi och Human factors Sällskapet Sverige, EHSS) strengthens the role of ergonomics in working life, research and society, with the aim to optimize health and wellness of the individual, performance in the design of products and systems and quality, productivity and corporate profitability.
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Name of Association	Swedish Association of Registered Physiotherapists (Legitimerade Sjukgymnasters Riksförbund, LSR)
Link	http://www.sjukgymnastforbundet.se/english/Sidor/english.aspx
Short abstract	Swedish Association of Registered Physiotherapists (Legitimerade Sjukgymnasters Riksförbund, LSR) supports therapists in their work and professional development.
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Name of Association	Swedish Association of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (Svensk Yrkes- och Miljöhygienisk Förening, SYMF)
Link	http://www.symf.nu/in-english/
Short abstract	Swedish Association of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (Svensk Yrkes- och Miljöhygienisk Förening, SYMF) is an association for Hygienists working in both Industry and Health Care Centrals. SYMF is focusing to increase the knowledge of working environment

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Name of Association	The Swedish Association of Occupational Therapists (Förbundet Sveriges Arbetsterapeuter; FSA)
Link	https://www.arbetsterapeuterna.se/Om-forbundet/
Short abstract	The Swedish Association of Occupational Therapists (Förbundet Sveriges Arbetsterapeuter; FSA) is both a professional organisation and a trade union. FSA handles professional and training issues, monitors pertinent political developments, salaries, collective agreements, and questions related to professional development and the formation of public opinion.
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Name of Association	HälsoAkademikerna
Link	http://www.halsoakademikerna.nu/
Short abstract	HälsoAkademikerna is a trade and professional association for people with an academic education in the areas of health, wellness /health and sport including professionals who can give personal advice like stress management, personal training or massage, but they may act also in health education at the group level. They may plan courses in companies and take part in rehabilitation
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▪ Standardization Bodies

Name of the Body	Swedish Standardisation association
Link	http://www.standardiseringsforbundet.se/
Short abstract	Swedish Standardisation association (Sveriges Standardiseringsförbund) has since 1 January 2012 taken over most of the activities from the Swedish Standards Council (SSR – Sveriges Standardiseringsråd). The Swedish Standardisation association is a collaborative organization for the three Swedish standardisation associations: ITS – Informationstekniska Standardiseringen (for telecommunication standards) SEK – Svensk Elstandard (for electrical standards) SIS – Swedish Standard Institute
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