

OSH Authorities — Sweden

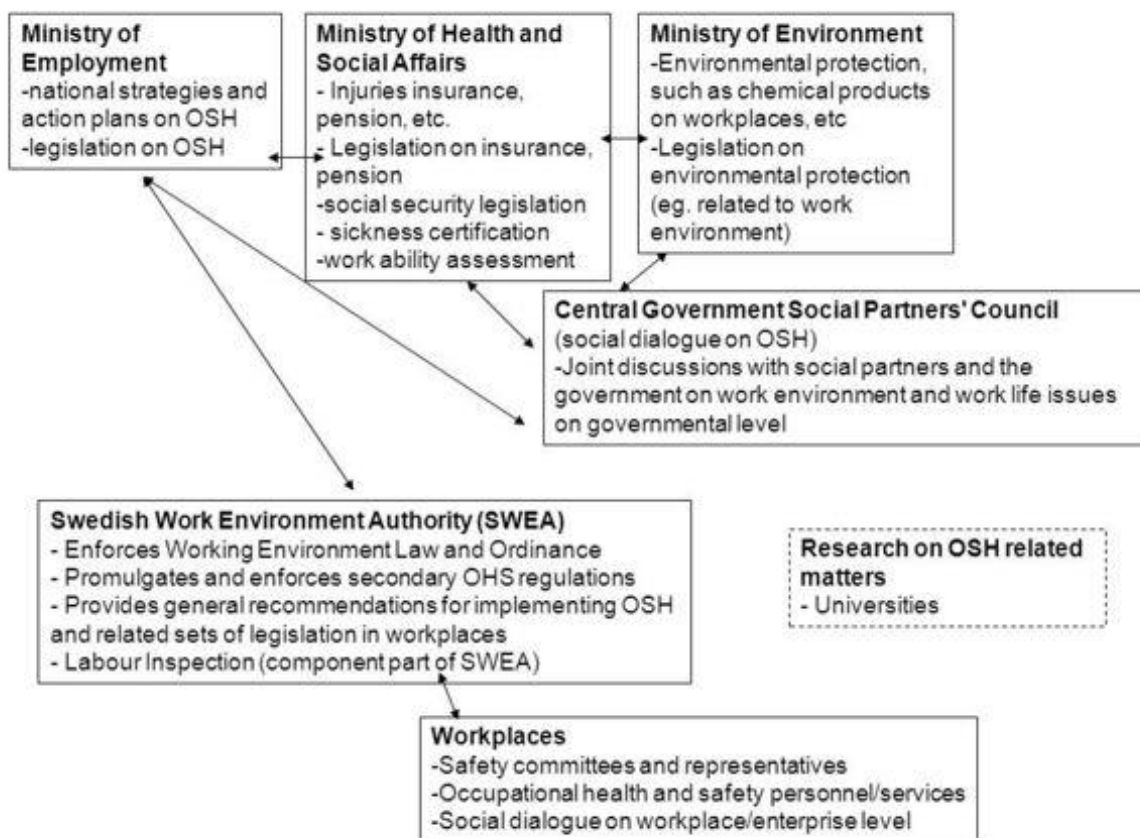
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OSH authorities

Name of authority	Ministry of Employment (<i>Arbetsmarknadsdepartementet</i>)
Link	https://www.government.se/government-of-sweden/ministry-of-employment/
Short abstract	The Ministry of Employment includes the Division for Working Life, which deals with issues related to the working environment, working hours, employment legislation, etc.
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Name of authority	Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (<i>Socialdepartementet</i>)
Link	https://www.government.se/government-of-sweden/ministry-of-health-and-social-affairs/
Short abstract	The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs 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	Ministry of the Environment (<i>Miljödepartementet</i>)
Link	https://www.government.se/government-of-sweden/ministry-of-the-environment/
Short abstract	The Ministry of the Environment is responsible for environmental protection, the indoor environment, chemical products, etc.
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Name of authority	Central Government Social Partners' Council (<i>Partsrådet</i>)
Link	https://partsradet.se/
Short abstract	The Central Government Social Partners' Council is the labour market parties' joint council on the work environment and work-life matters of the government.
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Name of authority	Swedish Work Environment Authority (AV — <i>Arbetsmiljöverket</i>)
Link	https://www.av.se/
Short abstract	<p>The AV is the central administrative authority for issues relating to the work environment and working hours. The framework for provisions issued by the AV is defined in the Work Environment Act. The principal functions of the AV are to issue ordinances and general recommendations for the implementation of legislation, to provide information materials on its website (www.av.se) and to inspect workplaces.</p> <p>The AV is Sweden's focal point to the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA). It also represents the Swedish government on the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work, which is a tripartite committee that assists the European Commission by preparing, implementing and evaluating all occupational safety and health (OSH) activities. The AV is also represented on the Senior Labour Inspectors' Committee, which advises the European Commission and comprises senior officials from Member States' OSH authorities or their equivalents.</p> <p>The Inspection Department of the AV supervises the implementation of OSH regulations at company level. Each year, around 20,000 inspections are carried out by 280 inspectors. The inspections ensure that an employer has effective organisation regarding 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 at a particular hazard (such as a type of machine or a type of job). The AV ensures that working environments meets the requirements set out in OSH legislation.</p>
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■ Compensation and insurance bodies

Name of body	AFA — AFA-försäkring
Link	https://www.afaforsakring.se/
Short abstract	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 the AFA occupational insurance scheme. There are four types of occupational injuries covered by this 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 by 'a high degree of probability' that certain factors of a job have caused the injury in question. The scheme compensates for the loss of income, additional costs, rehabilitation, pain and suffering, disability and injury.
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Name of body	Swedish Social Insurance Agency (Försäkringskassan)
Link	https://www.forsakringskassan.se
Short abstract	If sickness (not related to work) occurs, the Swedish Social Insurance Agency pays a compensation to the employee. Detailed rules can be found here: https://www.forsakringskassan.se/privatpers/sjuk
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■ Research institutes

Name of institute	Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (Forte — Forskningsrådet för hälsa, arbetsliv, och välfärd)
Link	https://forte.se
Short abstract	Forte 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 the cooperation and dissemination of information. The council supports basic and applied research relating to working life.
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Name of institute	Institute of Environmental Medicine (IMM — Institutet för Miljömedicin)
Link	http://ki.se/ki/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=1666&l=en
Short abstract	The 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, the IMM is also responsible for several teaching programmes, and investigations and analyses pertaining to physical and chemical aspects of environmental medicine and health protection. The IMM is a World Health Organisation 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; the indoor environment; tumour diseases; cardiovascular diseases; genetics and the environment; mechanisms of cell killing and toxic cell injury, and development of methods; and education and information.
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Name of institute	KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Department of Environmental Technology and Work Science (KTH — <i>Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan</i>)
Link	http://www.kth.se/
Short abstract	The KTH conducts research into the main fields of environmental sciences: work science and environmental technology. The aim of the research is to achieve practical improvements in work environments and conditions, especially with regard to addressing environmental analyses and the development of strategies and techniques to minimise waste and emissions of contaminating substances.
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Name of institute	Central Government Social Partner's Council (<i>Partsrådet</i>)
Link	http://partsradet.se/
Short abstract	The Central Government Social Partner's Council consists of representatives of the state sector organisations and the state as an employer. It is the partners' joint council on matters of the work environment in the government sector. For instance, its practical functions are observing and initiating scientific research on problems in the work environment, and publishing information and training material.
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Name of institute	Forestry Research Institute of Sweden (<i>Skogforsk stiftelsen skogsbrukets forskningsinstitut</i>)
Link	http://www.skogforsk.se/
Short abstract	The Forestry Research Institute of Sweden is a private research institute that pursues research and development activities aimed at long-term, profitable and ecologically sound forestry. The institute is supported by the entire forestry industry and the government. Important fields of research are human resources and work organisation.
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Name of institute	Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems (Vinnova — <i>Verket för innovationssystem</i>)
Link	http://www.vinnova.se/
Short abstract	Vinnova finances research and development in the field of innovation systems for the sustainable development of industry and society. Vinnova does not engage in research; its task is to finance projects that will result in improvements in the work environment.
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■ Prevention services

Name of service	Prevent Sweden (former Joint Industrial Safety Council, <i>Arbetsarkyddsnämnden</i>)
Link	http://www.prevent.se/
Short abstract	Prevent Sweden works to prevent accidents and improve the work environment, and provides training and training materials. Prevent Sweden is a non-profit organisation that acts on behalf of Sweden's principal labour market bodies: the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise (<i>Svenskt Näringsliv</i>), the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (<i>Landsorganisationen</i>) and the Federation of Salaried Employees in Industry and Services (<i>Privattjänstemannakartellen</i>).
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▪ Other OSH services

Name of association	Swedish Association of Occupational Physicians (<i>Svenska Företagsläkarföreningen</i>)
Link	https://slf.se/sflf/
Short abstract	The Swedish Association of Occupational Physicians is a professional association within the Swedish Medical Association. It is an association of physicians who are active in or interested in working in the field of occupational health.
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Name of association	Association of Occupational Nurses (<i>Riksföreningen för företagssköterskor</i>)
Link	http://www.swenurse.se/foretag
Short abstract	The Association of Occupational Nurses promotes and develops the profession of occupational nurses in Sweden. It provides education and training for nurses and carries out research on work and health.
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Name of association	Swedish Association of Ergonomists (EHSS — <i>Ergonomi och Human factors Sällskapet Sverige</i>)
Link	http://www.ergonomisallskapet.se/foreningen.html
Short abstract	The EHSS strengthens the role of ergonomics in working life, research and society, with the aim of optimising the health and well-being 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 (LSR — <i>Legitimerade Sjukgymnasters Riksförbund</i>)
Link	http://www.sjukgymnastforbundet.se/english/Sidor/english.aspx
Short abstract	The LSR supports therapists in their work and professional development.
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Name of association	Swedish Association of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (SYMF — <i>Svensk Yrkes- och Miljöhygienisk Förening</i>)
Link	http://www.symf.nu/in-english/
Short abstract	The SYMF is an association for hygienists working in industry and healthcare centres. The SYMF focuses on increasing knowledge of the work environment
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Name of association	Swedish Association of Occupational Therapists (FSA — <i>Förbundet Sveriges Arbetsterapeuter</i>)
Link	https://www.arbetsterapeuterna.se/Om-forbundet/
Short abstract	The FSA is both a professional organisation and a trade union. The FSA handles professional and training issues, and monitors pertinent political developments, salaries, collective agreements, and issues 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	<i>HälsoAkademikerna</i> is a trade and professional association for people with an academic education in the areas of health, well-being/health and sport, including professionals who can provide personal advice on topics such as stress management, personal training or massages, but who may also play a role in health education at the group level. They may plan courses in companies and take part in rehabilitation.
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▪ Standardisation bodies

Name of body	Swedish Standardisation Association (<i>Sveriges Standardiseringsförbund</i>)
Link	http://www.standardiseringsforbundet.se/
Short abstract	Since 1 January 2012, the Swedish Standardisation Association has taken over most of the activities of the Swedish Standards Council (<i>Sveriges Standardiseringsråd</i>). The Swedish Standardisation Association is a collaborative organisation for the three Swedish associations for standardisation: <i>Informationstekniska Standardiseringen</i> (for telecommunication standards), <i>Svensk Elstandard</i> (for electrical standards) and the Swedish Standard Institute.
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