

## OSH Authorities — Austria

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#### OSH infrastructure

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## ■ OSH authorities and inspection services

Name of authority	<b>Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection</b> ( <i>Bundesministerium für Arbeit, Soziales, Gesundheit und Konsumentenschutz</i> )
Link	<a href="https://www.sozialministerium.at/siteEN/">https://www.sozialministerium.at/siteEN/</a>
Short abstract	The competent authority in occupational safety and health (OSH) matters is the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection. It is responsible for most employment-related issues, namely social security (insurance for pensions and unemployment), industrial relations, labour market policy, labour conditions and inspections, statistics, OSH and vocational training.
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Name of authority	Labour inspectorate ( <i>Arbeitsinspektion</i> )
Link	<a href="https://www.sozialministerium.at/siteEN/Labour_Disabilities/Occupational_Safety_and_Health/Labour_Inspectorate/">https://www.sozialministerium.at/siteEN/Labour_Disabilities/Occupational_Safety_and_Health/Labour_Inspectorate/</a>
Short abstract	The general labour inspectorate ( <i>Arbeitsinspektion</i> ) is by far the largest of the bodies that have been established to monitor the safety and health of employees. It covers industries, services, the public sector and transport — following the July 2012 merger with the Inspectorate of Transport. It is centralised and acts nationally through 16 regional departments and one central office. Newly recruited inspectors follow a 2-year training programme, with the emphasis on legislation and general OSH principles. At the level of the federal states, nine regional labour inspectorates for agriculture and forestry have been established.
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## ■ Compensation and insurance bodies

Name of body	<b>Austrian Social Insurance for Occupational Risks</b> (AUVA — <i>Allgemeine Unfallversicherungsanstalt</i> )
Link	<a href="https://www.auva.at/">https://www.auva.at/</a>
Short abstract	The AUVA is the largest body in Austria. Similar to the general labour inspectorate, the AUVA is a centralised national organisation. Founded in 1889 as occupational accident liability insurance for employers, the AUVA is responsible for the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases, compensation for industrial injuries and accidents, and rehabilitation. It provides services to more than 3 million employees, plus more than 1 million school children and students. These services include advice, training, expert opinion and information, and general assistance on OSH questions, as well as working processes, workplace design, individual protection, and the implementation of rules, regulations and standards. Its range of activities includes regional public relations and advertising campaigns, safety training in schools, and ensuring efficient first aid in cooperation with ambulance services. The AUVA has a central office in Vienna, four regional offices and five local offices. It also has six trauma centres and four rehabilitation centres.
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Name of body	<b>Social Insurance for the Public Sector</b> ( <i>Versicherungsanstalt öffentlich Bediensteter</i> , formerly <i>Beamtenversicherungsanstalt</i> )
Link	<a href="http://bva.at/portal27/bvportal/content?content-id=10007.676561&amp;viewmode=content">http://bva.at/portal27/bvportal/content?content-id=10007.676561&amp;viewmode=content</a>
Short abstract	Social Insurance for the Public Sector was originally the social insurance body (workplace accidents, health insurance and pension funds) for public servants only. Since 2004, it has also become a workplace accident and health insurance body for Austrian university staff. In addition, it insures its own workers and voluntary probation officers against workplace accidents.
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Name of body	<b>Social Insurance for Railway and Mining Industry</b> ( <i>Versicherungsanstalt für Eisenbahnen und Bergbau</i> )
Link	<a href="https://www.vaeb.at">https://www.vaeb.at</a>
Short abstract	The Social Insurance for Railway and Mining Industry is the workplace accident insurance body for workers in the railway, public transport and cable-car sector. However, workplace accident insurance for mining workers is provided by the AUVA.
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Name of body	<b>Social Insurance Institution for Farmers</b> ( <i>Sozialversicherungsanstalt der Bauern</i> )
Link	<a href="http://www.svb.at/">http://www.svb.at/</a>
Short abstract	The Social Insurance Institution for Farmers is the body that provides workplace accident insurance, health insurance and pension funds for the agricultural and forestry sector (including employers and self-employed farmers). It also grants benefits to help family members and dependent workers. It was founded on the basis of the Law on Social Insurance in the Agricultural Sector ( <i>Bauernsozialversicherungsgesetz</i> ).
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## ■ Research institutes

Name of institute	<b>Safety Technology Testing and Research Centre Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Experimental and Clinical Traumatology</b>
Link	<a href="http://trauma.lbg.ac.at/">http://trauma.lbg.ac.at/</a>
Short abstract	The Austrian Workers' Compensation Board/AUVA Centre for Traumatology Research encompasses the AUVA Institute for Traumatology Research and, as of 1980, the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Experimental and Clinical Traumatology (Ludwig Boltzmann Society); the Trauma Care Consult has provided additional support since 1998. The Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Experimental and Clinical Traumatology has been the core of the Austrian Cluster for Tissue Regeneration since 2006, which was further enlarged in 2013/2014.
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Name of institute	<b>Austrian Academy of Occupational Medicine and Prevention (AAMP)</b>
Link	<a href="http://www.aamp.at">http://www.aamp.at</a>
Short abstract	The AAMP is the most important Austrian institution for the education and training of occupational physicians, occupational health professionals and other persons interested in occupational medicine or work-related prevention.
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## ■ Other OSH services

Name of service	<b>Organisation of Austrian Safety Specialists</b> (VÖSI — <i>Verband österreichischer Sicherheits-Experten</i> )
Link	<a href="http://www.voesi.at/">http://www.voesi.at/</a>
Short abstract	Since 1977, VÖSI has been representing the interests of the Austrian safety experts as well as all experts working in the areas of safety, health protection, and environmental and fire protection at work. Originally intended to represent the interests of security engineers — hence the name VÖSI — the association has over the years become a platform for experts from the above areas.
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Name of service	<b>Austrian Association for Promoting Occupational Safety</b> (VAS — <i>Österreichischer Verband zur Förderung der Arbeitssicherheit</i> )
Link	<a href="http://www.vas.at/">http://www.vas.at/</a>
Short abstract	VAS is an association of producers and specialist retailers of occupational safety products. Its aim is to contribute to the improvement of occupational safety in Austria through optimal information provision. Given this, VAS has made coordinated and factual information in the field of personal protection the focus of its activities. VAS was founded in 1990 and today has 30 members.
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## ■ Standardisation bodies

Name of body	<b>Austrian Standards International</b>
Link	<a href="https://www.austrian-standards.at">https://www.austrian-standards.at</a>
Short abstract	Austrian Standards encompasses Austrian Standards International (formerly Österreichisches Normungsinstitut), a non-profit service organisation (association), its subsidiary Austrian Standards plus GmbH, founded in 2008, and Austrian Standards Operations GmbH, founded in 2018 — a 100 % subsidiary of Austrian Standards plus GmbH.
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