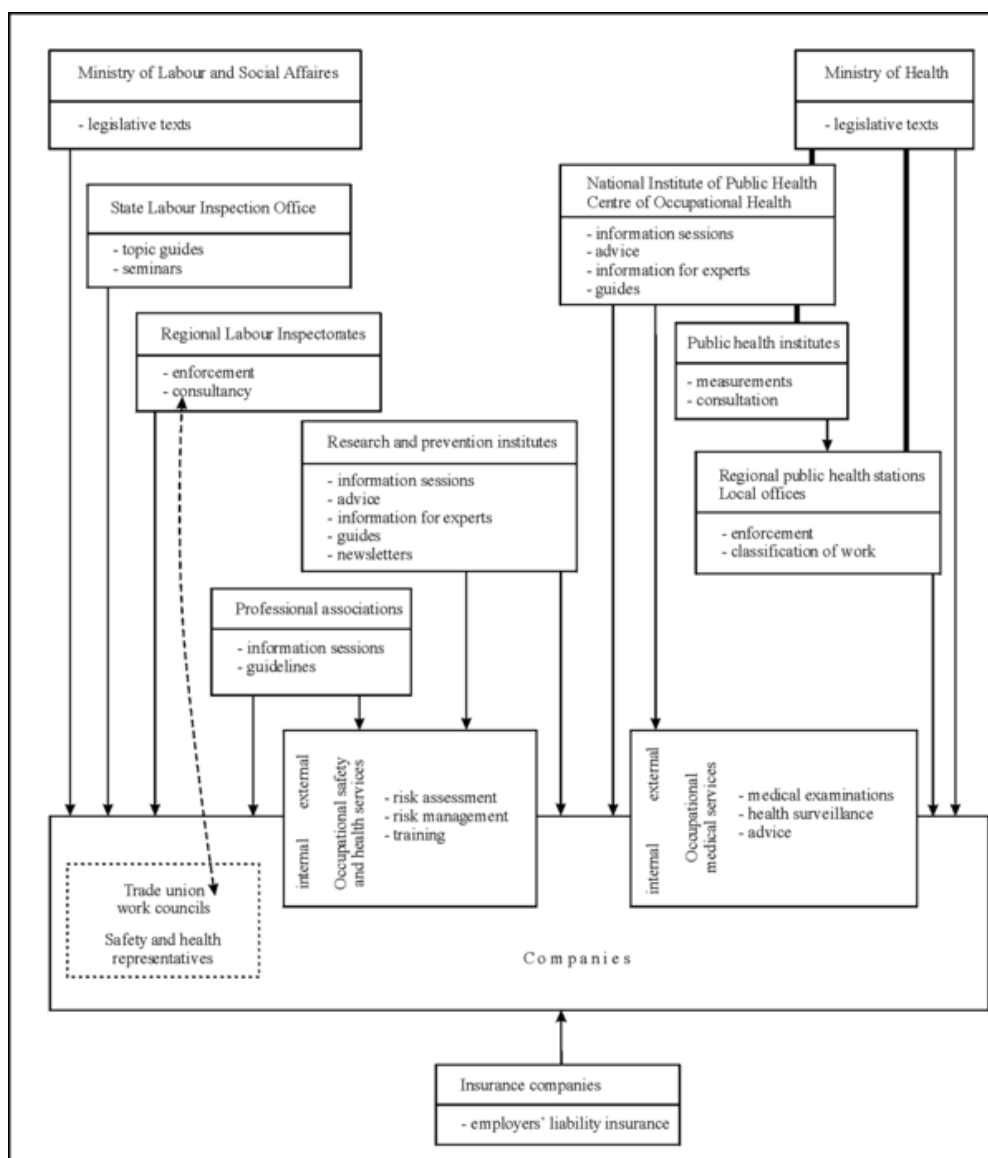


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- **OSH infrastructure**

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OSH authorities

Name of authority	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (<i>Ministerstvo práce a sociálních věcí</i>)
Link	http://www.mpsv.cz/
Short abstract	In Czechia, occupational safety and occupational health has traditionally two distinct features. While the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (<i>Ministerstvo práce a sociálních věcí</i>) is responsible for occupational safety and labour inspection, the Ministry of Health (<i>Ministerstvo zdravotnictví</i>) is the competent authority for public health, which includes occupational health, and is in charge of occupational health inspections. Although this distinction is also observed by the executive agencies of the two ministries, they cooperate closely on international, national and regional levels in the field of occupational safety and health (OSH). The systems of administrative authorities are run from a state budget. Both are authorised to impose sanctions if they find severe deviations during inspection activities.
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Name of authority	Ministry of Health (<i>Ministerstvo zdravotnictví</i>)
Link	http://www.mzcr.cz/
Short abstract	In Czechia, occupational safety and occupational health has traditionally two distinct features. While the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (<i>Ministerstvo práce a sociálních věcí</i>) is responsible for occupational safety and labour inspection, the Ministry of Health (<i>Ministerstvo zdravotnictví</i>) is the competent authority for public health, which includes occupational health, and is in charge of occupational health inspections. Although this distinction is reinforced by the executive agencies of the two ministries, they cooperate closely on international, national and regional levels in the field of OSH. The systems of administrative authorities are run from a state budget. Both are authorised to impose sanctions if they find severe deviations during inspection activities.
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Name of authority	State Labour Inspection Office (<i>Státní úřad inspekce práce</i>)
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 their predecessor, the Czech Office of Labour Safety. The State Labour Inspection Office and its eight subordinate regional labour inspectorates are concerned with the inspection of compliance with OSH protection, as well as the control of protection of labour relations and working conditions. Employers and employees can take 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 body	Czech Insurance Company (<i>Česká pojišťovna</i>)
Link	http://www.ceskapojistovna.cz/
Short abstract	<p>Currently, Decree No 125/1993 authorises two private insurance companies to provide accident insurance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Czech Insurance Company (<i>Česká pojišťovna</i>); 2. Kooperativa Insurance Company (<i>Kooperativa pojišťovna</i>). <p>The system does not cover people who are self-employed. Their activity does not extend to prevention.</p> <p>In the case of <i>Česká pojišťovna</i>, those employers who were covered by this insurance contract with <i>Česká pojišťovna</i> up until 31 December 1992 are insured, as well as employers whose rights and obligations in the employment relationship have been transferred to their legal successor. All other employers are insured with <i>Kooperativa pojišťovny</i>.</p>
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Name of body	Kooperativa Insurance Company (<i>Kooperativa pojišťovna</i>)
Link	http://www.koop.cz/
Short abstract	<p>Currently, Decree No 125/1993 assigns two private insurance companies that provide accident insurance:</p> <p>the Czech Insurance Company (<i>Česká pojišťovna</i>)</p> <p>Kooperativa Insurance Company (<i>Kooperativa pojišťovna</i>)</p> <p>The system does not cover people who are self-employed. Their activity does not extend to prevention.</p>
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■ Research institutes

Name of institute	Occupational Safety Research Institute (VÚBP — <i>Výzkumný ústav bezpečnosti práce</i>)
Link	http://www.vubp.cz/
Short abstract	<p>The VÚBP is a public research institution founded by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic. The main activities of the VÚBP are scientific and operational research, and the verification and application of methods and means in the areas of risk prevention relating to health or life impairment of persons, and the environment and patrimony, relating to work activities and improving well-being at work as well as quality of working life. The VÚBP is the analytical and conceptual executive office for OSH issues. Other activities of the institute involve developing and maintaining factual, bibliographical and reporting systems in OSH at a national level; carrying out selected standardisation, testing and certification tasks in the field of personal protective equipment; acting as an office for the prevention of major accidents; training, educating and promoting OSH; and acting as a consultation centre for OSH expertise. In the abovementioned core areas, the institute also carries out publishing activities as well as business activities.</p>
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Name of institute	VSB — Technical University of Ostrava, Faculty of Safety Engineering (<i>Fakulta bezpečnostního inženýrství VŠB — Technické univerzity Ostrava</i>)
Link	http://www.fbi.vsb.cz/cs/okruhy/o-fakulte/
Short abstract	VSB — Technical University of Ostrava, Faculty of Safety Engineering, 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 <i>Transactions of the VŠB — Technical University of Ostrava, Safety Engineering Series</i> (<i>Sborník vědeckých prací Vysoké školy báňské — Technické univerzity Ostrava, Řada bezpečnostní inženýrství</i>) in Czech, Slovak and English.
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Name of institute	Centre of Occupational Health (<i>Centrum hygieny práce a pracovního lékařství</i>)
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 service	Czech Ergonomic Society (<i>Česká ergonomická společnost</i>)
Link	http://www.vubp.cz/ces/
Short abstract	The mission of this 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 so that they can contribute to the humanisation of human activity, optimise the relationship between human abilities and the conditions for its activities, and cooperate with other organisations that have a similar focus.
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Name of service	Association of Occupational Safety and Fire Protection Technicians of the Czech Republic (<i>Asociace techniků bezpečnosti práce a požární ochrany České republiky</i>)
Link	http://www.asociacebozp-po.cz/
Short abstract	The professional association for the 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. The professional activities of the association are open to all legal entities and individuals involved in business, especially small and medium-sized businesses.
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Name of service	Chamber of OSH and Fire Protection of the Czech Republic (<i>Komora bezpečnosti a ochrany zdraví při práci a požární ochrany České republiky</i>)
Link	http://www.komora-bozp-po.cz/
Short abstract	As a legal successor to the guild member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of OSH and Fire Protection of the Czech Republic has become a guarantor for the fields of OSH and fire protection. The Chamber of OSH and Fire Protection provides its members with professional services and supports their professional growth. A special 'information web page for health and safety and fire protection' has been created, which provides information for all interested parties.
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Name of service	Association of Accredited and Authorised Organisations (AAAO) (<i>Asociace autorizovaných a akreditovaných organizací</i>)
Link	http://www.aaao.cz/
Short abstract	The AAAO is the voluntary association of legal entities (inspection bodies) that provide services in testing, certification, inspection, assessment, etc., for products, management systems, persons, processes, work activities, etc. (allowing the free movement of goods within the European Union (EU)). Members are accredited bodies that are primarily active in controlling the designation of the certification mark CE (as well as authorised persons at notified sites operating in the EU), but also in controlling the quality of unregulated products, services, etc.
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Name of service	Association of Safety Consultants and Experts (<i>Asociace bezpečnostních poradců a znalců</i>)
Link	http://dqsa-rid.cz/
Short abstract	This voluntary, non-profit, independent association aims to develop formal knowledge on transport safety.
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Name of service	Society of Occupational Medicine (<i>Společnost pracovního lékařství</i>)
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. It provides the Ministry of Health with opinions, among other things, on relevant issues, publishes guidelines, and organises meetings or conferences.
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■ Prevention services

Name of service	Centre of Occupational Health (<i>Centrum hygieny práce a pracovního lékařství</i>)
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 the health of workers and act as an expert body for the Ministry of Health in the field of occupational health. It carries out research, provides expert background information for legislation and maintains international cooperation, including in the areas of the 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 organisational unit of the National Institute of Public Health (<i>Státní zdravotní ústav</i>).
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Name of service	Occupational Safety Research Institute (VÚBP — <i>Výzkumný ústav bezpečnosti práce</i>)
Link	http://www.vubp.cz/
Short abstract	The 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 the 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 the promotion of OSH, and is a consultation centre for OSH expertise.
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■ Standardisation bodies

Name of body	Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing (<i>Úřad pro technickou normalizaci, metrologii a státní zkušebnictví</i>)
Link	http://www.unmz.cz/
Short abstract	The Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing, 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 under the Ministry of Industry and Trade. The powers of the office cover technical standardisation, metrology, testing, harmonisation of technical regulations and ensuring the development and publication of Czech standards.
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