

Student assignment: case development

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In the framework of Chapter 1, students should get answers to (some of) the following questions :

1. Describe the job and the company of your case/employed person. Is he/she aware of hazards or what are the hazardous conditions in the workplace?
2. Did an accident occur at the workplace in the last year(s)? Was there absence from work? What was (were) the cause(s) of the accident? Were preventive measures taken to avoid a new accident?
Are accidents frequent in this sector? Compare national accident statistics with European data.
3. Does the patient/worker has access to occupational health care? Is he/she under medical health surveillance? What type(s) of health examinations is (are) carried out?
Is OHS obligatory or voluntary in your country? What is the structure of the OHS?
4. Did he/she consult a (general) physician for a work-related health problem? Was the doctor aware of a possible link between work and the health problem? Could the patient return to work without advices; were workplace adaptations necessary?
5. Did he/she receive education and training how to work safe and healthy? Who provided the information? Does this happen on a regular basis; when new risks are introduced at work?