
ELECTION TO THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ORGANISATION 2018 COMPLETED

Since 1 March 2018, the occupational health and safety organisation at Aarhus University has been in place.

Since the beginning of January 2018, elections have been held to elect occupational health and safety representatives to the occupational health and safety groups and to the occupational health and safety committees at the departments/schools, centres, administrative divisions as well as to the committees at the faculties and in the administration. Managers for occupational health and safety groups and committees have also been appointed.

The election process has gone smoothly and almost all available places have been filled. In some areas, new people have been elected to the occupational health and safety groups and occupational health and safety committees. In many areas, experienced occupational health and safety representatives and managers continue their collaboration in the occupational health and safety organisation. Many occupational health and safety committees will be meeting and appointed from this point onwards.

On the [Occupational health and safety organisation at Aarhus University](#) website, you can find more information about your unit's occupational health and safety organisation.

THEME DAY ON WORK ENVIRONMENT AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY, THURSDAY 17 MAY 2018.

Managers, occupational health and safety representatives and union representatives are invited to a theme day which will focus on how we create our work environment together.

During the theme day, we will focus on the roles and tasks of the occupational health and safety organisation. We will also focus on the collaboration in the occupational health and safety organisation as well as explore ways in which all colleagues can become involved the occupational health and safety efforts.

During the theme day, five workshops will be held which will make it possible to explore the following topics in more detail:

1. Risk assessment and prevention
2. The psychological work environment
3. Absence due to illness – the occupational health and safety organisation's systematic efforts to prevent absence due to illness and create well-being.

4. Good leadership = a good work environment (workshop for managers)
5. How to handle hazardous substances and materials – incl. preventive measures

You can sign up for the theme day and find more information about the theme day and the five workshops [here](#). (in Danish).

THE MANDATORY OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COURSE AT AU

Occupational health and safety course for members of the occupational health and safety organisation

If you are a new member of the occupational health and safety organisation, it is important that you receive as much information as possible in order to be able to participate in the occupational health and safety efforts at Aarhus University.

You can sign up for the mandatory occupational health and safety course [here](#). (in Danish).

In addition to this course, an extra course will be established as soon as possible. The extra course is expected to be held in June 2018.

The Danish Working Environment Authority's OnlineAT

As of 1 January 2018, it is compulsory to use the Danish Working Environment Authority's digital self-service solution OnlineAT, for example if you must report back to the Danish Working Environment Authority that you have complied with an improvement notice, or if you want to send a response in connection with a written consultation process about a planned decision.

At the end of March, secretariat managers, deputy directors, administrative centre managers and occupational health and safety managers will receive an email with information about how to use OnlineAT locally. In future, the departments/schools and centres will be responsible for communicating with the Danish Working Environment Authority regarding pending cases.

Read more about OnlineAT [here](#). (in Danish).

REMEMBER - ACCIDENTS AT WORK MUST ALWAYS BE REPORTED

A new campaign will put focus on the importance of reporting accidents at work.

Approximately 100 accidents at work are registered or reported annually at Aarhus University. It is important to report all accidents at work. Partly because the colleague who suffers an accident at work has the right to have the accident

handled correctly. Partly because the occupational health and safety organisation gains experience from the reported accidents which can be used to improve measures to prevent accidents at work.

At Aarhus University and in the other organisations on the labour market, approximately half of all accidents at work are never reported. A new campaign “Gør det nu - anmeld arbejdsulykker” (do it now - report accidents at work) is therefore being launched to put focus on the importance of reporting accidents at work. The campaign is the result of a collaboration between Arbejdsmiljørådet (the Danish work environment council), the Danish Working Environment Authority, the five trade associations for work environment, Videncenter for Arbejdsmiljø (the Danish knowledge centre for work environment) and Labour Market Insurance.

Find more information about the campaign [here](#) (in Danish).

Here you can see how we [report accidents at work at Aarhus University](#).

OPENING CONFERENCE FOR THE ‘MANAGE DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES’ CAMPAIGN

At the conference, Danish companies will present their knowledge on preventive measures in relation to dangerous substances. The most recent research results within this field will also be presented at the conference which will be held in Copenhagen on 2 May and in Aarhus on 3 May.

These conferences will mark the opening of the two-year European campaign ‘Healthy Workplaces – Manage Dangerous Substances’.

Read more about the conferences and the campaign [here](#) (in Danish).

ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS - ‘AFTER-WORK MEETING’ IN COPENHAGEN

Do you want to know more about how to prevent and reduce absence due to illness, and are you in Copenhagen on Monday 16 April? Then the National Research Centre for the Working Environment offers an after-work meeting on the initiatives which can be taken at work to prevent absence due to illness, and to support employees who have been on sick leave return to work.

Read more about the after-work meeting [here](#) (in Danish).

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

'News about work environment' is a newsletter with information and news about work environment for AU staff. Here you will find a selection of current news.

Read more about [work environment and safety](#) at Aarhus University.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WORK ENVIRONMENT?

If you want to know more about work environment and keep up-to-date on the latest knowledge as well as be inspired in relation to the work in the occupational health and safety groups and committees, you can subscribe to free newsletters by clicking the links below:

[Branche Fællesskab Arbejdsmiljø – Velfærd og offentlig administration \(trade association for work environment\) \(in Danish\)](#)

[The Danish Working Environment Authority's newsletter \(in Danish\)](#)

[Videnscenter for arbejdsmiljø \(the Danish work environment knowledge centre\) - Newsletters \(in Danish\)](#)

[Arbejdsmiljørådet \(the Danish work environment council\) - News \(in Danish\)](#)

CONTACT US

If you have comments or suggestions for the next newsletter, please send an email to arbejdsmiljo@au.dk.

If your colleagues wish to subscribe to the newsletter, they can sign up on [the website](#).

Kind regards,

[AU HR, Development and Work Environment, Team Organisation and Work Environment](#)
