
ONE OVERALL WPA IN 2019

In the spring of 2019, AU will conduct a workplace assessment (WPA). Unlike in previous years, the upcoming WPA survey will include questions about both the physical *and* the psychological work environment at AU. The questionnaire will also be simplified compared to previous years.

We have simplified and streamlined the survey to make the workplace assessment survey process faster and more efficient. One effect of the changes in the upcoming WPA survey will be that the results of the survey will be available on the website after approx. three weeks.

The WPA is not a comprehensive survey of the work environment at AU, but is rather a tool that can call attention to areas that need to be explored and worked with locally, for example through dialogue meetings.

The questionnaire will, as in previous years, include a number of questions that apply to everyone at AU as well as up to five faculty and administration-specific questions which the local occupational health and safety committees and liaison committees are in the process of formulating.

Facts about the 2019 WPA

- The survey will be conducted from 25 February to 13 March 2019.
- Reports will be published on the website in early April 2019. After this, local follow-up and dialogue meetings will begin.
- The WPA will include questions about both the physical and the psychological work environment. The psychological part of the questionnaire will be anonymous.

Additional information

- Read more about the upcoming WPA at au.dk/APV (in Danish)

RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDE FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ORGANISATION

A new risk assessment guide will help the occupational health and safety organisation take a more systematic approach to prevention.

The Main Occupational Health and Safety Committee has decided to focus on risk assessment as a central element in the ongoing process of improving our work environment. As a practical tool to aid the occupational health and safety organisation in performing risk assessment, the Main Occupational

Health and Safety Committee has produced a step-by-step guide to performing risk assessment and implementing concrete preventive measures.

Using the risk assessment guide, the occupational health and safety organisation will be able to systematise assessment of the impacts and risks we encounter in the course of our work, which will in turn enable the organisation to take even more effective measures to prevent accidents and sick leave.

Risk assessment is on the agenda for meetings of the occupational health and safety committees at the faculties and in the central administration this autumn.

If so desired, workshops will be offered to members of the occupational health and safety organisation in Q4 of 2018.

You can find the guide here au.dk/risikovurdering.

LEARN FROM THE ACCIDENT - SO IT DOES NOT HAPPEN AGAIN

How do you avoid accidents at work in your unit?

If an accident at work – or a near-miss incident – happens, it is important to find out what went wrong to ensure that it does not happen again.

This short [video](#) (in Danish) contains five tips on how to look into a specific accident/incident and improve preventive measures.

THE UNIVERSITIES' WORK ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE

The Universities' work environment conference 2019 provides a framework for exciting dialogues about the work environment at Danish universities. The planning group has prepared a programme which contains plenary presentations and workshops as well as time for more informal dialogues with colleagues from other universities. The conference is intended for managers as well as employee representatives.

Read more about the conference and register [here](#). (in Danish)

COURSE ON HOW TO PACK BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

IATA course on how to pack biological samples with/without dry ice UN3373 and UN1845.

The course is intended for anyone who is involved in packing dangerous goods for transport by plane, for example biological samples with or without dry ice.

The purpose of the course is to make the participants able to pack dangerous goods in a way which complies with the rules for transport by plane according to ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization).

Read more about the course and sign up [here](#) (in Danish).

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

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

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Kind regards,

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