

The Preventive Service Bus

- construction's own mobile safety and health service

Established to help companies, safety representatives and employers to develop and ensure safe and healthy working conditions and prevent accidents at construction sites.

The Preventive Service Bus is a non-governmental service institution, impartial regarding relations between management and workers.

The Preventive Service Bus is neither a supervisory authority nor a commercial safety and health advisor or a training course organizer.

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Preventive Occupational Safety and Health
Service for the Construction Sector in Denmark

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Preventive Service as Part of the Labour Partner System

The Preventive Service Bus project is established as part of the collective agreement between the Danish Construction Association and the United Federation of Danish Construction Workers.

A Prepaid Service System

The Preventive Service Bus is funded by the Construction Sector Development Foundation based upon contributions from employers in proportion to working hours. Visits by the Preventive Service Bus are free of charge for members of the participating organizations.

The Preventive Service Bus Is

- Giving advisory safety and health service to the construction sector
- Offering mobile advisory service - 8 consultants, each in their preventive service bus.
- Paying visits to construction sites and construction firms
 - In all of Denmark, being separated into four regions with two busses in each and a central office
- Primarily looking up construction sites/companies to visit, but also answering calls

The Philosophy of the Preventive Service Bus

- Communication of safety and health issues on the basis of "here and now" situations
- Face to face dialog with workers, safety representatives, coordinators, managers and so forth
- Interpretation of guidelines, recommendations and regulations in the "here and now" situation
- Using the time needed to help solving the issue
- Interaction with suppliers, structural designers and clients

Goals for the Preventive Service Bus

- Dissemination of factual solutions, preventive measures and good practice
- Improving the systematic preventive safety and health work in companies
- Influencing safety and health behaviours, attitudes and routines of workers, employers and managers
- Participating in knowledge-sharing with the Sectoral Working Environment Council on Building and Construction, the parties of the labour market, researchers, training schools, authorities and so on

The Reasons for the Preventive Service Bus

- Continuously major injuries at work in spite of the numbers of regulations, guidelines and recommendations
- Good relations between the parties of the labour market - but guidelines are difficult to fully implement in the day-to-day work routines
- Unknowing firms do not demand safety and health knowledge, but their behaviour changed easily gaining knowledge
- Knowing firms look up new knowledge, but their behaviour is more difficult to change
- The impact of dissemination of information is considerable, but only if the recipients find it relevant

