

Key Issues on Occupational Health and Safety Practices in Ghana: a review

Abstract

Most African countries are noted for poor occupational health and safety practices. However, despite numerous occupational health and safety advances in recent years, several occupational health and safety issues still proliferate in most African countries, particularly in Ghana. This study was a review paper aimed at unearthing key issues on occupational health and safety practices in Ghana. We demonstrated that there is inadequate attention to occupational health and safety practices. The little attention to occupational health and safety practices had led to numerous occupational health and safety issues such as occupational risks, hazards and disease, and challenges. Although occupational health and safety research attempts were made, little attention was given to Small and Medium Scale Enterprises and the informal sectors. We concluded that Ghana must have a renewed attention to occupational health and safety practices especially occupational health and safety research and occupational health and safety promotion.

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