

Topics

The **USB-Safety-handbook** has been revised with the help of the occupational insurance company („Verwaltungs-Berufsgenossenschaft“). The login works without a code in order to assure a more easy access. **A translation of the Safety-handbook into English is coming up.**



Occupational Safety in Churches and Institutions

The standards for **first-aid kits** have been revised on the basis of new insights out of current accident events. According to the new standards (November 2009 edition) all first-aid kit are suppose to contain a **cooling-compress**, helpful in cases of bruises, strains and sprains. “Every lost minute an injury has failed to receive a cooling-treatment will prolong the regeneration at one more day”, Dr. Hans-Wilhelm Müller-Wohlfahrt, the famous sports-physician of the german national soccer team, is confirming. Other materials in the kit have been abandoned. A comparison of first-aid kits “small” (DIN 13157) and “large” (DIN 13169) is given in our USB-Safety-handbook.



Training and Collabaration

In every group there should be a staff-member who is trained in occupational first-aid if possible. This recommendation is given out in accordance with Mr. Wolf Schmidt, coordinator in the area of prevention in Churches from the employers' liability insurance association (VBG), assured us a full covering of the costs by the VBG. See the file “Kostenübernahme Erste Hilfe” (covering of first-aid costs) in “Newsticker” as well as “Gemeinde/downloads/Erste Hilfe” (Churches/downloads/first-aid).



In this examplary letter, that was sent to all registered organisations like DLRG, DRK, Malteser, Johanniter, ASB, minimum-age for training attendance is said to be 15,5 years of age. Seminaries can also be held out in Church settings. If in such a case further travelling expanses occur, the host has to cover up these costs. Apart from that the speaker is settling all financial arrangements directly with the VBG. For every attendant (only assured persons by the VBG) he will receive a fixed amount. One course should have at least 12 attendants. All full-time and voluntary staff-members are insured by the VBG. The title of the course must be: “**basic and advanced training for occupational first-aid helper**” and ~~not first-aid at accident locations.~~

The seminar „stress-prevention for pastors and leaders in free-Churches” with Dieter Hartmann, Ignis academy, takes place from 27th to 29th of Sept. in Meschede. Last times feedback concerning the pilot project in 2009 has been exceedingly positive, so that the VBG quickly decided to set up a follow up course. This offer is meant to train pastors and leaders, and also for mutual exchange of personal experiences, who hold **positions of training others**, for instance mentors or consultants or for other tasks in beyond local Church settings. It is **not** meant for affected persons!



„A positively thinking person does not refuse to listen to the negative, but simply resists to surrender to it.” (Norman-Vincent Peale 1898-1993)

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