

Topics

On the christian "Führungskräfte-Kongress" in February the father of Samuel Koch, who got seriously injured during the Wetten das...?-show on the 4th of Dez 2010, spoke to the audience. He told them about the bad state of his son but also encouraged the people by testifying that this situation did not bring them away from God: "We know our son is in God's hands." Looking at the Thomas Gottschalk's response following the accident, one can imagine the heavy responsibility the moderator had to carry, though it seems that his work in this matter was unrepachable. The question is how it would be like, if something like this would happen to us in our own Church situation, and then, if such a case could have been prevented through the consequent application of preventional measures or at least reduced?

The occupational insurance company highlights: "Accidents do not happen, they are caused!". Therefore it is important for us to find out the possible reasons. We do receive a few reports from Churches about accidents, for instance the fatal falling accident of a house-keeper (see attachment). But we also get along Churches for preventing such accidents as well as getting over such crisis.

Through the help of USB some applications for benefits were given a positive response by the Occupational Insurance Company (VBG) due to the supply of certain informations. Because the range of responses is rather great, sometimes little details do make up the result.

Occupational health and safety in Churches and Institutions

The check-list "wiederkehrende Prüfungen" (reoccurring assessments) will be sent to the Churches and Institutions. This list is a help for the checking of facilities, machines and other operating equipment. A regular repetition helps to remember important deadlines.

Due to the inquiries from Churches we have added a USB-Info 1/11 "Special Events". This is meant to be a help for the planing and conducting of special events in Churches. In such cases, for example, it is necessary to consider that from 1500 people onwards and at special events with a high safety risk there must be a securing abundance. In cases of dealing with fire there might be a fire-protecting guard needed. Many thanks to Friedmar Drey at this point for his helpful work towards this special handout beforehand.

Training and Collaboration

A further conference for occupational safety in free-Churches and Institutions for all coworkers and interested persons will take place from 28th to 29th of October in Dorfweil/Hessen. You will be able to register on the website www.usb-net.de. There you find the conference program.

In the area of stress-prevention and burn-out prophylaxis there is a great number of seminars being offered, for instance, "Committed Living" with Olaf Kormannshaus in Elstal, or for employees in pedagogical professions with Irmgard Lenk in the Tannenhof. This area is becoming more and more important and we are working on an enduring concept with professionals from Churches and the VBG.

"When the time arrives in which you could, the time is over in which you can."

Marie v. Ebner Eschenbach

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