Safety Observer app for use in measuring safe working conditions and behaviour with nanomaterials



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Presentation objective



- Preliminary results in developing a tool for use in safety rounds in workplaces and laboratories that work with or are exposed to chemicals and manufactured nanomaterials
- The tool is to be intuitive and easily useable by students, workers, faculty, lab directors and OSH professionals in assessing nano OSH risks

Hierarchy of OSH measures





1 Avoid / eliminate the hazard



2 Technical safety measure



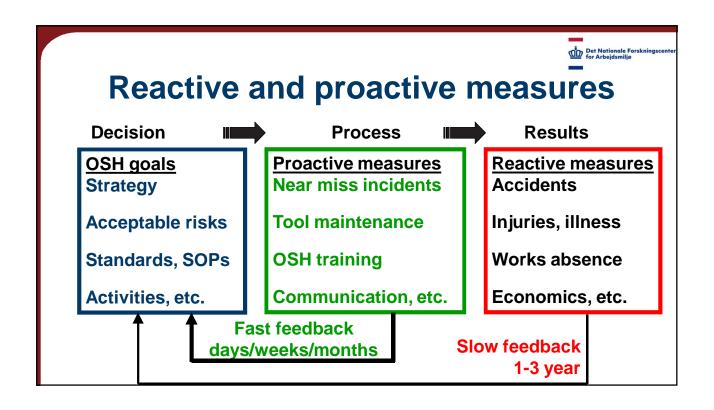
3 Organizational safety measures



4 Use of personal protective equipment



5 Behavioural safety measures

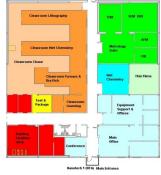




Measuring safety conditions and behaviour



- "Behaviour, ergonomics, PPE, technical assistive devices
- "In labs, production, hallways, change rooms
- " Signs, labels, warnings..
- " Equipment, tools etc.,
- " Order and tidiness
- " Etc.



Nanotech lab

" Make your own lists!!

Examples of things to observe and measure



- 1) Signage, marking and labelling (one of more observation for each room, storage area, piece of equipment or tool, etc.)
- 2) Personal protective equipment (e.g. gloves, lab coats, long pants, safety glasses, ear plugs, face shields, closed-toed shoes, respiratory masks)
- 3) Nano handling, storage, transport (one observation for each process in a given area)

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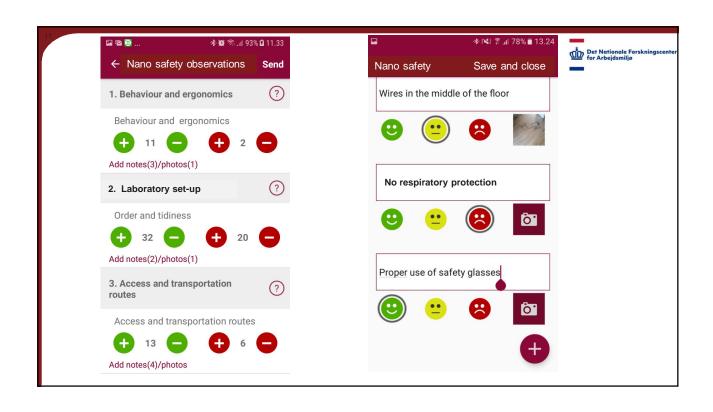


- 4) Ventilation and filters (e.g. one observation for each HEPAfiler as to whether it is properly maintained and cleaned)
- 5) Technical aids (e.g. fume exhaust hoods, glove boxes)
- 6) Order and tidiness (work and transport areas); First aid equipment

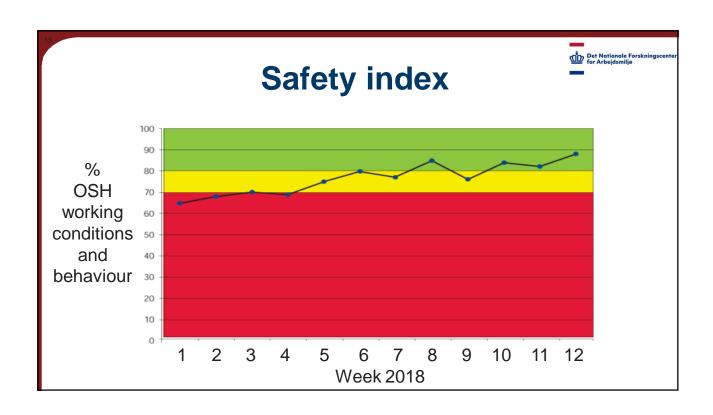
Examples of things to observe and measure



- 7) Hygiene (e.g. no food or drinks in the lab; changing clothes)
- 8) Waste storage, recycling and disposal (e.g. signs, labels)
- 9) First aid (e.g. one observation per necessary station)



Topic	Correct	Total	Not correct	Total
1. Nano signs, labels, etc.	11111 1111	9	11111 11	7
2. Nano storage	11111 11111	14	11111	5
3. Nano ventilation and filters	11111	5	1	1
4. Nano waste disposal	11111 111	8	11111 11111 111	13
5. Nano personal protective clothing/equipment		23	11111 11111 1111	14
6. Etc.	11111 11111	10	11	2
	Total	69	Total	42
			69 x 100 = 69 + 42	62 %



Safety Observer app



- " Systematic observations of safety conditions and behaviour
- " Can be used in many branches and settings
- "Lists/templates can be written in any language





"Report provided on device and in email (PDF)

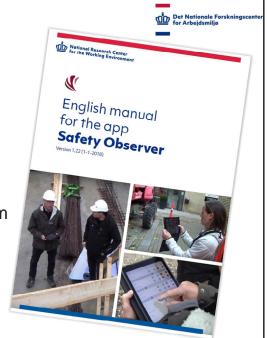
App links

Information

" www.nfa.dk/safetyobserver

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Thank you for your attention



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