



General information

The DGUV (German Social Accident Insurance) is the umbrella association of the Statutory Accident Insurance Institutions for the industrial and public sectors. It assumes responsibility for the common interests of its member institutions and promotes their functions in the interests of both member companies and insured individuals. The DGUV represents the Statutory Accident Insurance Institutions in their dealings with policymakers, regional, national, European and international institutions, and employers' and employees' representative bodies

The DGUV is located in Berlin and maintains offices in Sankt Augustin (near Bonn) and Munich. Additionally three Institutes support the work: Research Institute for Prevention & Occupational Medicine – IPA, Bochum; Institute for Occupational Safety and Health – IFA, St. Augustin, and Institute for Work and Health – IAG, Dresden.

DGUV Organization

Role and Structure

The institutions of the DGUV, as an unincorporated association, are the Members Meeting and the Governing Committee. Employers and employees bodies enjoy equal representation within both of these institutions, as they do within the autonomous administration of the individual accident insurance institutions. The Members Meeting, the "parliament" of the DGUV, meets at least once a year to discuss essential issues and rule upon them. The Governing Committee is elected by the Members Meeting. It conducts the DGUV's business and elects the Managing Director.

Facts and figures

Insured individuals 2011

9 Social accident insurance institutions for Industry and trade	48.493.372
26 Public social accident insurance institutions	10.3666.037
Children in nursery schools and after-school care centers, schoolchildren and students	17.071.776
Total	75.931.185

Payments, administrative and procedure costs in 2009 in billion € (industry and trade & public sector excl. agricultural sector)

Prevention	0.92
Curative Treatment & Rehabilitation	3.45
Financial Compensation*	5.47
Administration & procedures	1.33
	billion Σ 11,3 €

* (injury benefit, transitional allowance, invalidity pension for the insured individual / survivors' pension, death grant, repatriation costs for relatives)

Mandate and Responsibilities

The statutory mandate of the German Social Accident Insurance is to:

- Prevent occupational accidents, occupational diseases and work-related health hazards
- Investigate their causes
- Provide first aid and effective medical care
- Ease the effects of occupational accidents and occupational diseases

"with all suitable means"

To promote safety and health at work the insuring institutions offer:

- counselling and supervision
- set of rules and regulations
- preventive medical check-ups
- research (applied research in OSH and occupational medicine)
- determination of work related health hazards
- measurements at the workplace
- initial and further training
(Safety training in own facilities for 350,000 people annually)



Projects

National projects:

- New regulations according to branches, for example a regulation facing the needs on OSH of Universities. (Bringing together national legislation and the autonomous regulations of the accident insurers).
- New didactical approaches in qualification (promote health and safety related competences, new curricula for the qualification of experts) The Initial and Further Training Committee (AAW) is the DGUV's central expert committee for all training-related issues.

-**Campaigns:** 2010-12 "Fight the risk" (Road safety), 2013 -2015 "Think of me. Love your back". It extends to physical stresses in addition to mental and psychosocial stresses,

-**3rd University Conference:** Safe and healthy university: OSH culture in universities and research establishments: dealing with new technologies. 16 to 18 September 2013 at the DGUV Academy Dresden.

- Mental Health at the Workplace (national and EU-level)

International Relations:

- Communication of Members Interests on International Level (i.e. European Union)
- Contributions to International Organizations (ISSA, ILO, WHO, European Forum, ESIP, etc.)
- International Cooperations
- Providing Expertise in the field of International Social Security Law

International projects:

The XX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work 2014 - Global Forum Prevention - will be organized in Frankfurt, Germany 24 - 27 August 2014 in Frankfurt, Germany. The Congress will be hosted by the German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV) together with International Social Security Association (ISSA) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO)

<http://www.safety2014germany.com/en/index.html>