



ERGONOMIC SURVEYS

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OCCUMED cc provides ergonomic surveys to identify risks at work.

Back injuries and musculoskeletal disorders continue to account for a large percentage of losses in the workplace and cost billions of dollars per year, around the world. Statistics in the South African situation are unknown, and limited attention placed on the role and place of ergonomic interventions.

Ergonomics is an under utilised area in the ambit of Occupational Health and Safety and the impact of ergonomic interventions continue to be underestimated. Because of the slow onset of symptoms, many cases are missed, and workers do not receive the necessary care at the workplace or compensated for loss of function.

Survey objectives include:

- Any level of assessment – all or parts of organizations;
- Identification and assessment of the work and processes that have the potential to create health problems for workers;
- Feedback to management of changes that can be made, and
- Focus on recommendations that have minimal or no expense.

Training:

Half day training programmes for workers and management to highlight the role of ergonomics and to empower workers.

Research and development:

Ongoing research together with CREATE, to further expand the knowledge base relating to 'Where does it hurt' in South Africa.

Clients who have had such surveys or assistance include:

Woolworth's [Cape], UPN and Spar [PE & Cape], Corning [PE]; Continental Tyre SA [PE], Colgate Palmolive (Durban & Johannesburg); Aberdare Telecommunications [PE], Comau Quad and Press [PE], Fresh Produce Terminal (PE), NGK Ceramics [Cape], and Nampak Liquid Packaging [PE], Aspen Pharmacare (PE), Simba Chips [Cape]; Umicore SA (PE); Univel Transmissions [PE]; Western Platinum Refinery (Springs).

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