

Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator

Abstract

This thesis is focused on the legal view of the health and safety coordinator on construction sites. This topic is a very specific area of occupational health and safety falling within the field of labour law. Its importance lies mainly in the high risks of working on a construction site due to the complexity of the construction works and the serious consequences that arise if health and safety is underestimated. The aim of this thesis is to comprehensively summarize the function of the OHS coordinator on a construction site, their activities and the activities of other persons involved in ensuring health and safety on construction sites.

The thesis begins with an introduction and ends with a conclusion. The core of the thesis is divided into 7 chapters, where the first of them discusses the general legal regulation of occupational health and safety in the Czech Republic. The next chapter deals directly with the person of the coordinator, who can become OHS coordinator, which requirements a person must meet for this position and how the examination of professional competence for the activities of the OHS coordinator is conducted. The third chapter focuses on the other persons on the construction site, i.e. the contracting authority and the contractor and their duties related to the function of the OHS coordinator on the construction site. The following chapter then discusses the specific activities of the coordinator on the construction site in its two phases, preparation and realization of constructions. One of the coordinator's activities is the preparation of an OHS plan, which its details and content are discussed in the next chapter. Chapter 6 deals with the liability of the coordinator, both in private and public law terms. The last chapter briefly discusses occupational health and safety in the UAE to give the reader an idea of a comparison of how OHS coordinator works in other countries.

Throughout the thesis, and especially in the conclusion, several *de lege ferenda* proposals have been made, addressing the education of coordinators and the number of coordinators on site, in comparison to the system in Dubai.

Klíčová slova: Qualified person for health and safety, OHS, Occupational health and safety, Occupational health and safety coordinator, Construction industry