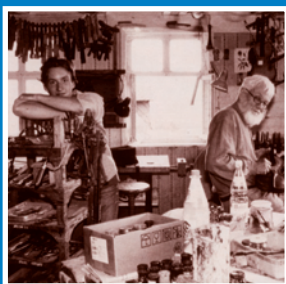




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THE FAMILY ENTERPRISE



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small enterprises

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Foreword

Health and safety are most important in family enterprises. If family members fall ill or if they have an accident, in addition to the affliction, the very existence of the enterprise could be threatened. Naturally, this also goes for the employees and their families.

Hazards can emerge everywhere – in the workshop, at the construction site, in the house or in the yard. Particularly those persons who are not able to know or assess the hazards are affected by shortfalls in health and safety protection.

These are, for instance, own children or trainees.

As an adult you must be a role model for your children. Only in such way will your children consider health and safety conscious conduct as something normal and practice it themselves.

If you lead a family enterprise in such way that the family's weakest links can grow up safely and healthy, you can be sure that the conditions under which you live and work are right.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

in this brochure you will find a few examples of facts which came to our attention during our many visits to and discussions at family enterprises.

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- machine and system safety.

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I wish all readers every success.



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