



## BACKGROUND

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### KEY MESSAGES

- Occupational health and safety risks among workers are high.
- Domestic work, agricultural, construction and manufacturing are high risk sectors.
- The physical and psychological health of workers is at risk.
- Injuries and illness from unprotected work may be reduced by better protection.
- Dialogues and interventions to address modern work are needed.
- Responses that promote state oversight of safe work are needed.

## HEALTH RISKS

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