



Country: **Austria**

## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Institutions and links

Institution	Link
Labour Inspection (Arbeitsinspektion)	<a href="http://www.arbeitsinspektion.gv.at/AI/default.htm">http://www.arbeitsinspektion.gv.at/AI/default.htm</a>
AUVA (Allgemeine Unfallversicherungsanstalt) - professional insurance association	<a href="http://www.auva.at">www.auva.at</a>
S&H legislation database:	<a href="http://www.ris.bka.gv.at">www.ris.bka.gv.at</a>

Laws in Austria are usually referred to as an article number plus the law abbreviation with caps and small caps.

For example: “§6 ASchG” means “Article 6 of ArbeitnehmerInnenenschutzgesetz”

Many other terms are also shortened for convenience as German language can have extensive words (SVP for Sicherheitsvertrauenspersonen (employee safety representatives), SiFa for Sicherheitsfachkraft (safety engineer), AM for Arbeitsmediziner which means occupational physicians).

Normally H&S law is country wide. State/regions sometimes define specific laws (for e.g. building standards).

In Germany many regulations are set directly by the worker’s Health insurance associations (Berufsgenossenschaft, BG), which is not the case in Austria.

In Austria there is a single insurance association (AUVA) which all employers have to use. The AUVA cannot set any rules.

The labour inspection (AI) is part of the authorities. Where requirements of laws or regulations are not clear, the AI publishes decrees (Erlässe), which are legally binding.

Hierarchy of laws: Gesetze (laws), Verordnungen (regulations), Erlässe (decrees)

### 1.2 Health & Safety Law references

The main pieces of Health & Safety Law:

Full name	Abbreviation	Content
Allgemeine Arbeitnehmerschutz-VO BGBl 218/1983	AAV	detailed requirements: storage, (§§ 65-66), PPE (§§ 66-73)SFK, SVP, AM, risk assessment, training
ArbeitnehmerInnenenschutzgesetz BGBl 450/1994	ASchG	General requirements; SFK, SVP, AM, risk assessment, training
Arbeitnehmerschutz vor Lärm u. Vibrationen BGBl II 22/2006	VOLV	Noise and vibrations protection
Arbeitskräfteüberlassungsgesetz - AÜG	AÜG	Law about temporary workers

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Arbeitsmedizinische Ausbildung BGBI 489/1995	BGBI 489/1995	Competencies and education for occupational physicians
Arbeitsmittelverordnung - AM-VO BGBI II 164/2000	AM-VO	Working equipment and inspections
Arbeitsruhegesetz BGBI 144/1983, Arbeitsruhegesetz-VO BGBI 149/1984, Arbeitszeitgesetz BGBI 461/1969 (AZG)		Working hours and breaks
Arbeitsstättenverordnung - AStV BGBI II 368/1998	ASt-VO	Safety for workplaces (amount of space, light, air condition, fire prevention, ...)
Bauarbeitenkoordinationsgesetz - BauKG BGBI I 37/1999	BauKG	Coordination of major or risky construction works
Behinderteneinstellungsgesetz (BEinstG)	BEinstG	Employment of disabled people
Beschäftigungsverbote und -beschränkungen für Jugendl. KJBG-VO BGBI II 436/1998	KJBG-VO	Regulation about the protection of workers under the age of 18 years (trainees, apprentices)
Bildschirmarbeitsverordnung - BS-V BGBI. II 124/1998	BS-V	safety for workers at display screens
Bundesgesetz über die Arbeitsinspektion (Arbeitsinspektionsgesetz 1993 – ArbIG)	ArbIG	Federal Labour Inspection Act, 1993
Bundesgesetz vom 14. Dezember 1973 betreffend die Arbeitsverfassung (Arbeitsverfassungsgesetz - ArbVG)	ArbVG	Works councils
Bundesgesetz vom 9. September 1955 über die Allgemeine Sozialversicherung (Allgemeines Sozialversicherungsgesetz - ASVG).	ASVG	State social insurance
Chemikalien-VerbotsVO 2003 - ChemVerbotsV 2003 BGBI II 477/2003	ChemVerbotsV	Prohibition of special hazardous substances including asbestos

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DruckgaspackungslagerungsVO 2002 - DGPLV 2002 BGBl II 489/2002	DGPLV	Safe storage of aerosol cans
Fachausbildung der Sicherheitsfachkräfte (VO) BGBl 277/1995	BGBl 277/1995	Competencies and education for safety engineers
GrenzwerteVO 2007 - GKV 2007 BGBl II 253/2001	GKV	Limits for exposure to hazardous substances
Kälteanlagen-VO BGBl 305/1969	BGBl 305/1969	Inspections of air conditioning
Kennzeichnungsverordnung - KennV BGBl II 101/1997	KennV	Safety and fire signs at the workplace
Kinder- und Jugendlichen-Beschäftigungsgesetz 1987 - KJBG BGBl 599/1987	KJBG	Law about the protection of workers under the age of 18 years (trainees)
Mutterschutzgesetz	MuSchG	Health protection for expecting and breastfeeding women and young mothers
Produktsicherheitsgesetz 2004 - PSG 2004 BGBl I 16/2005	PSG	Product liability (including for importers)
Sicherheits- und Gesundheitsschutzdokumente BGBl 478/1996	BGBl 478/1996	Regulation about risk assessment documentation
Sicherheitsvertrauenspersonen-VO BGBl 172/1996	BGBl 172/1996	Regulation for employee safety representatives
Verordnung optische Strahlung - VOPST BGBl II 221/2010	VOPST	Protection from optical radiation (e.g. special kinds of neon lamps)
Verordnung über die Gesundheitsüberwachung am Arbeitsplatz 2008 (VGÜ 2008) BGBl II 27/1997	VGÜ	[Regulation No. 1997/27 of the Federal Minister for Labour and Social Affairs concerning health surveillance at the workplace, 1997, CIS 98-375]
VO über brennbare Flüssigkeiten BGBl 240/1991	VbF	Storage and handling of flammable liquids
VO über den Schutz d. Arbeitnehmer/innen vor Gefahren durch den elektrischen Strom BGBl II 33/2012	ESV 2012	Regulation for electric installations (inspections)