



# **Organizational Approaches to Workforce Mental Health New and Emerging Guidance and Frameworks**

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# ISO 45003:2021

**Occupational health and safety management —  
Psychological health and safety at work — Guidelines for  
managing psychosocial risks**

<https://www.iso.org/standard/64283.html>

# ISO 45003 Psychosocial Hazards

- How Work is Organized
  - Roles and expectations
  - Job control or autonomy
  - Job demands
  - Organizational change management
  - Remote and isolated work
  - Workload and work pace
  - Working hours and schedule
  - Job security and precarious work

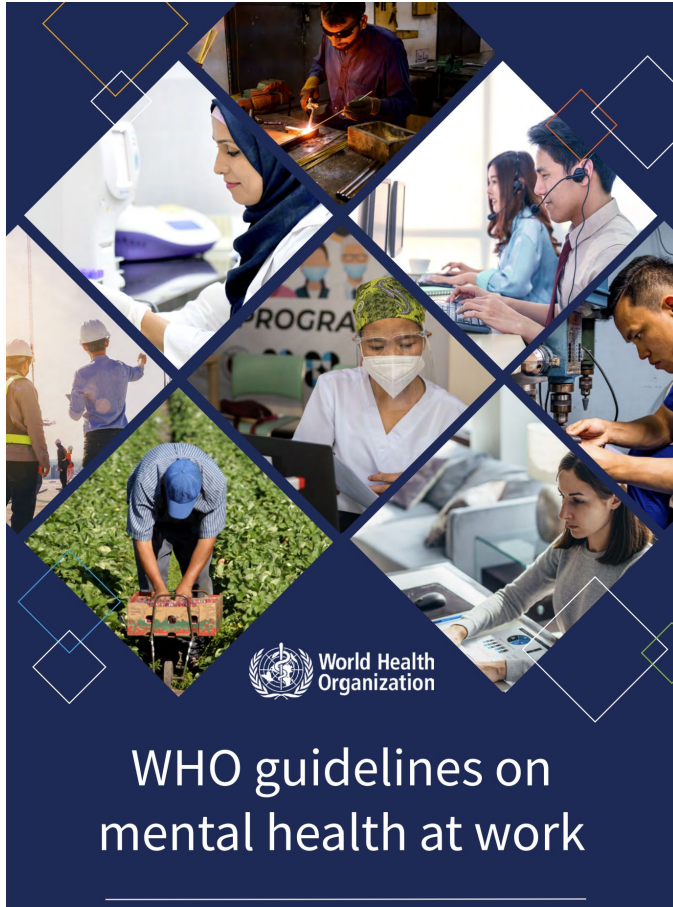
# ISO 45003 Psychosocial Hazards

- Social Factors

- Interpersonal relationships
- Leadership
- Organizational/workgroup culture
- Recognition and reward
- Career development
- Support
- Supervision
- Civility and respect
- Work/life balance
- Violence at work
- Harassment
- Bullying and victimization

# ISO 45003 Psychosocial Hazards

- Work Environment, Equipment and Hazardous Tasks
  - Inadequate equipment availability, suitability, reliability, maintenance or repair
  - Poor workplace conditions such as lack of space, poor lighting and excessive noise
  - Lack of the necessary tools, equipment or other resources to complete work tasks
  - Working in extreme conditions or situations, such as very high or low temperatures, or at height
  - Working in unstable environments such as conflict zones

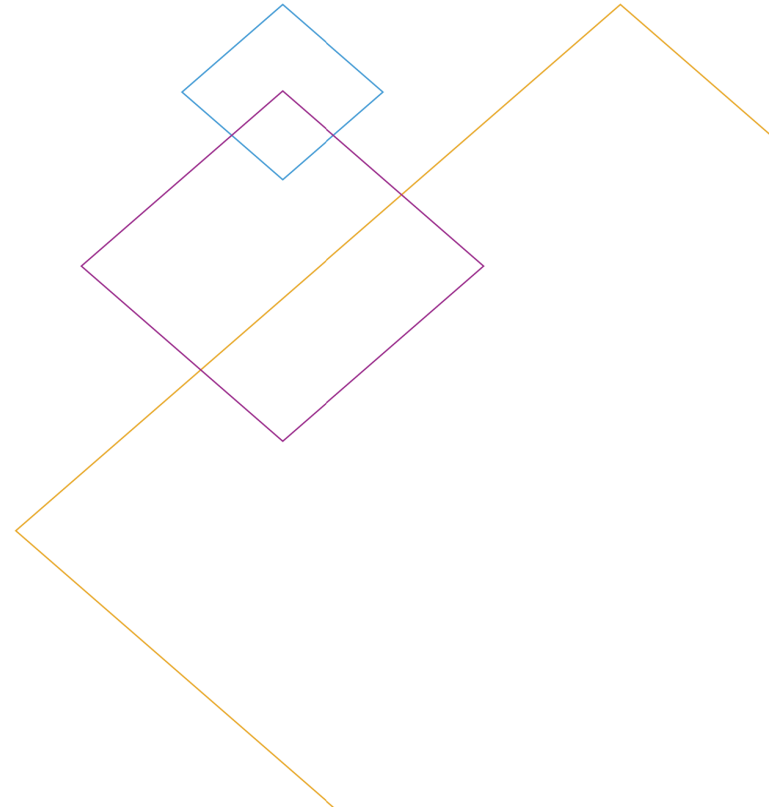


<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240053052>



# WHO Guidelines on Mental Health at Work

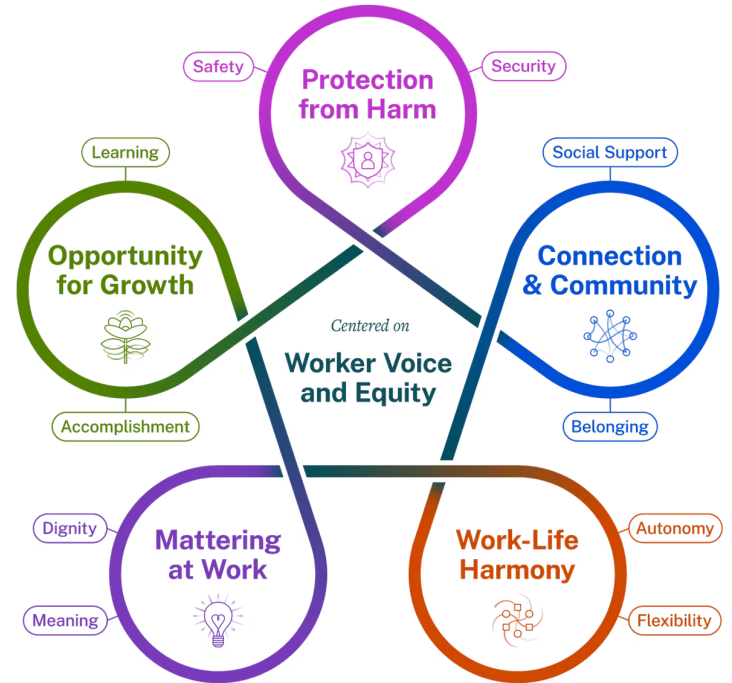
- Interventions
  - Organizational Interventions
  - Training for Managers
  - Training for Workers
  - Individual Interventions
  - Return to Work Programmes
  - Employment
- Certainty of Evidence
- Strength of Recommendations



The U.S. Surgeon General's  
Framework for

# Workplace Mental Health & Well-Being

2022



<https://www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/priorities/workplace-well-being/index.html>

# An Employer Recognition Program

The Carolyn C. Mattingly Award for Mental health in the Workplace recognizes and celebrates exemplary organizations that advance the mental health and well-being of their workforce, while also serving as role models for other employers.

The Carolyn C. Mattingly Award for

**MENTAL HEALTH  
IN THE WORKPLACE**



**THE LUVU PROJECT**  
In Memory of Carolyn C. Mattingly

<https://theluvuproject.org/workplaceaward>

# Award Criteria

The award criteria are comprised of 10 categories

1. Endorsements of baseline practices
2. Culture
3. Mental health benefits
4. Mental health resources
5. Workplace policies and practices
6. Healthy work environment
7. Leadership support
8. Outcomes
9. Innovative approaches
10. Employee opinions



The logo for the Mental Health at Work Index. It features a green icon of three stylized human figures with arms raised, positioned above the text. The text "Mental Health at Work" is in a dark grey, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. To the right, the word "index" is written in a large, bold, green, lowercase sans-serif font, with a small "TM" trademark symbol to its upper right.

Mental Health at Work **index**™

- Standardized assessment of workforce mental health efforts
- Informed by best practice guidance and global standards, including ISO and WHO
- Maturity ladder approach with a focus on measurable progress
- Will allow organizations to self-assess and benchmark their programs and services
- Linked to an algorithm-driven library of resources and practical recommendations

# The 3 Ps Framework

**PROTECT** mental health  
by eliminating  
psychosocial hazards  
and minimizing risks that  
can negatively affect  
workers' mental health  
and psychological well-  
being

**PROMOTE**  
psychological well-being  
by developing the  
positive aspects of work  
as well as worker  
strengths and positive  
capabilities

**PROVIDE** access to  
information, resources,  
and services; take  
corrective organizational  
action to address  
workplace mental health  
needs regardless of  
cause

# Framework Categories

The Mental Health at Work Index™ assesses across the continuum of the 3 Ps framework for each of the ten (10) categories below.

**Mental Health Strategy**

**Leadership**

**Workforce Involvement & Engagement**

**Communication**

**Organizational Culture and Impact**

**Training Specific to Mental Health**

**Work Design & Environment**

**Mental Health Resources & Benefits**

**Related Employment Practices**

**Measuring, Monitoring, & Reporting**

- Talkin' Loud
  - CEO pledges
  - Public statements
  - Espoused values
- Sayin' Nothing
  - Strategy
  - Goals
  - Resources
  - Leadership support
  - Science
  - Measurement
  - Transparency





# Workforce Mental Health Strategy

The organization's overall approach to addressing workforce mental health

- Assessing hazards and risks
- Setting goals
- Prioritizing and coordinating actions
- Allocating resources
- Establishing accountability
- Measuring and reporting results
- Continually improving efforts

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