

Some of the topics currently being addressed by KAN

Contact

Artificial intelligence (AI)

Developments in the field of AI are gaining momentum, with the result that work on different standards on the subject of AI is already in progress, besides "standardization roadmaps". KAN is supporting its stakeholders in forming a position on how the Machinery Directive should take safety and AI into account in the future.

UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Digitalization offers a means for workplaces to be progressively better adapted to the individual needs of workers – a significant opportunity and a further step towards an inclusive working world. KAN is committed to using technical innovations to meet the needs of people with disabilities more effectively.

Treatment tables

Treatment tables with electric height adjustment used in physiotherapy practices and hospitals have caused injuries and fatal accidents. KAN has brought experts from all stakeholders together and launched a number of working groups which are now working on solutions to improve safety.

Smart personal protective equipment

Smart textiles, such as heat-protective clothing for firefighters containing smart components such as temperature and location sensors, are a new topic in standardization. KAN ensured that from the outset of standardization activity in this area, the OSH community was able to present an opinion to the European standardization process which was coordinated with those concerned on the ground.



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Do you have any questions concerning **occupational safety and health**, particularly in **standards** and/or **regulations**? Are you dissatisfied with the current version of a standard, or have you noted deficits in safety? Would you like to clarify an occupational safety topic with the wider occupational safety and health community? **If so, don't hesitate to contact us.**

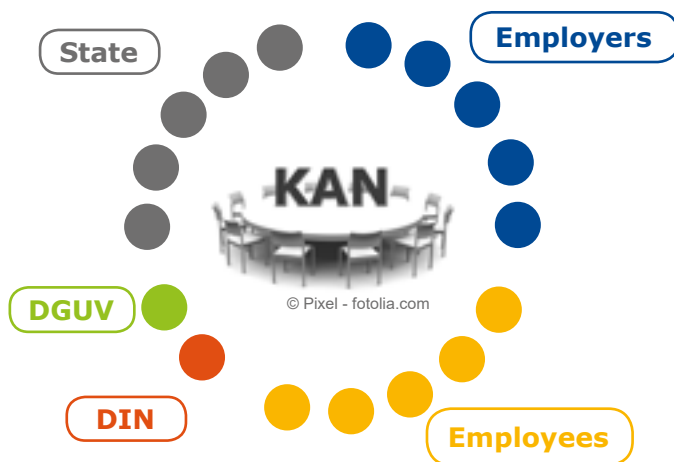
KAN – Implementing occupational safety and health in standards and regulations

- Observing and influencing standardization activity
- Supporting regulatory activity
- Networking and coordinating OSH experts and other stakeholders
- Reaching solutions for the safety and health of workers
- Coordinating and communicating interests
- Acting at national, European and international level

Who are KAN?

Occupational safety and health is everyone's business.

KAN is made up of representatives of employers, employees, the German federal and regional governments, the German Social Accident Insurance Institutions, and DIN. These parties use KAN as their common **voice** and benefit from the influence gained by **channelling their position**, for example **with respect to standardization**.



KAN is a point of contact for all **technical and political OSH issues** and their relationship with the body of subordinate technical regulations, particularly in the sphere of standardization. Serving as an **interface** between standardization bodies, the state and the German Social Accident Insurance, it ensures a **coherent and user-friendly body** of technical rules and standards.

What does KAN offer?

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- **Monitors** standardization activity and the body of subordinate regulations
- Identifies the **need for action** in this area from the perspective of occupational safety and health
- Communicates **specialist expertise** to interested parties
- Serves as a **central point of contact** for the issues referred to above
- Develops **strategies** and **solutions** in conjunction with the affected stakeholders

In the process, it offers

- Over **25 years of experience** in occupational safety and health and standardization
- A **network** of all stakeholders
- A **point of contact to and from Europe**
- Free **publications, tools and events**
- **Short communication links** between stakeholders in occupational safety and health

How does KAN work?

KAN brings together the institutions in Germany that are relevant to occupational safety and health.

The **Secretariat** possesses broad expertise, provides close links between the experts, and maintains its network at national, European and international level. **Employers and employees** benefit from direct liaison offices within the Secretariat. This structure enables KAN to act flexibly and effectively and, when necessary, to adopt unusual strategies.

The topics covered range from **traditional work equipment** such as machinery and **personal protective equipment**, to ambulances and school bags. In addition, **digitalization, services, management systems of sociopolitical relevance** and the **health effects** of new technological developments are also topics of growing importance.



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