

DISSEMINATION OF SAFETY CONCEPTS THROUGH EDUCATION

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Turkey is getting ready to be a member of the European Union. It has to adapt and adjust many regulations and restrictions. One of the most crucial subjects is health and safety regulations and restrictions.

It is not easy to make public behaviors conscious about safety regulations unless the government puts strict laws and regulations. Gaining of safety concept must start at early ages, best during education. Primary, Intermediate and especially College education must give safety knowledge properly with the support of Government Laws and Regulations. College graduates who gain safety concept adequately can disseminate these valuable practices wherever they work, such as academic institutions or industries.

The first step in starting implementation of safety regulations is preparing the safety manuals. The manuals should be for different areas of education:

- A.** Accident Prevention for College and University Students
- B.** Accident Prevention for Faculty and Administrators
- C.** Accident Prevention for Highschool Students

As for the follow ups;

- Students must be given safety quizzes
- HSE team must be established at each educational area, for safety inspections and safety meetings.
- Fire and earthquake drills must be exercised in an orderly fashion.
- Companies must have their own HSE teams and safety regulations to prevent work loss.

Dissemination of safety concept through education will be much easier and healthier with the laws and regulations of the government.