

Data

Activities

(annually, average of the last five years)

• Research and development projects (ongoing and completed)	52
• Tests and certifications	2 290
• Analyses of hazardous substances sampled at workplaces in enterprises	122 130
• Participation in technical committees	
– national	173
– international	42

Breakdown of work capacity

(annual, average of the last five years)

• Research, investigation, development	27%
• Consultancy	30%
• Testing and certification	13%
• Analyses	24%
• Technical and not technical infrastructure	7%

Further information in the internet

- GESTIS-database:
www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis-database
- IFA-Reports, articles in scientific journals, information sheets "Focus on IFA's work", Annual Reports, publications data base:
www.dguv.de/ifa, section "Publications"
- Missions, fields of activity, organisation of the IFA, information on how to find us:
www.dguv.de/ifa, section "About us"

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Safety and Health Protection at work

The Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the German Social Accident Insurance (IFA)



Missions and activities

The IFA being an Institute of the German Social Accident Insurance is conducting research for the prevention of occupational accidents, occupational diseases, and work-related health risks. The IFA supports the German social accident insurers especially in the field of scientific and technical issues by means of

- Research, development and investigation
- Testing of products and analyses of substance samples
- Workplace measurement and consultancy
- Participation in standardisation and legislation
- Provision of specialist information and expert knowledge

The foci of the institute's activities are

- Chemical and biological hazards
- Toxicology
- Physical hazards as noise, vibration and radiation
- Ergonomics
- Epidemiology
- Accident prevention/Product safety
- Personal protective equipment

Furthermore, the IFA is notified as testing and certification body for a number of test fields. It serves as a notified body for the testing and certification of products and quality management systems for manufacturers.

The IFA is held to inform the public of its working results by all appropriate means. It is supposed to act as a consulting body for national and international authorities, for the social accident insurance institutions as well as for the insured persons and companies. IFA experts are involved in all relevant work safety committees. In all respects, the IFA is co-operating closely with the social accident insurers and their institutions.

Organisation

The Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the German Social Accident Insurance (IFA) is a main department of the German Social Accident Insurance. The IFA is

situated in Sankt Augustin near Bonn and organised as shown in the following organisation chart.

