

Lifting Specialist Offers Health and Safety Tips

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Health and safety are an integral part of lifting specialist LIFTEUROP's CSR approach. For many years, the company has had in place a series of measures for effectively managing workplace health and safety. A policy that improves not only employee working conditions, but also productivity and, above all, product quality.

"We want our staff to work safely. We are implementing measures such as appointing, as required by law, a safety officer. His or her mandate is to provide workplace health and safety information, conduct risk assessments and introduce the measures needed to eradicate potential sources of danger. On a regular basis, we hold various health-oriented training and information sessions (noise, backache, etc.) for our employees," explained Michèle Detaille, ALIPA Group's Managing Director.

The first step needed in order to guarantee operator safety in the workshops is to maintain order and cleanliness. "It is very important to us that our workshops are neat. Many of our clients take notice of this while visiting the company. We have also put floor markings in place in order to improve traffic flow, define storage areas, etc. This way, everything has its place and we avoid accidents," explained Raphaël Bozet, Workshop Foreman.

Anti-wear mats have been placed at all workstations in order to improve working conditions for operators when they have to work for several hours in the same spot. Some machines have also been improved. "For instance our sandblaster! We just installed anti-noise chambers to improve auditory comfort for operators. Just like our TAGMAKER (the machine used to make ALITAG nameplates), whose walls we panelled to reduce noise nuisance," added Raphaël Bozet.

LIFTEUROP has been "Sécher & Gesond mat System" certified since 2014, as a result of these provisions. This label has just been renewed in 2019. Issued by the Accident Insurance Association (AAA), this label undergoes partial reassessment every year and total reassessment every three years.

LIFTEUROP was founded in 2010 in Wiltz, where it manufactures lifting equipment and accessories in its own workshops, equipped with sophisticated machinery, under the STAS brand, renowned for quality and design for more than 65 years. Certified ISO 9001 and 14001 and CSR, LIFTEUROP is integrated in the lifting division of the ALIPA Group, a Luxembourg specialist in industrial packaging and lifting, which totals about 130 employees.