

Dear Colleagues,

We are planning a Special Issue of the journal INDUSTRIAL HEALTH, entitled "Occupational Safety and Health of Flexible Work Style" to be published in July 2022. This Special Issue will address the occupational safety and health issues related to flexible working style, which can be defined as working styles with a high degree of freedom in working hours and work locations such as remote or gig working. Working styles with a high degree of freedom in working hours include discretionary work in which the length of working hours is left to the discretion of the individual, and a flextime system in which the individual worker adjusts the time of attendance and departure. Working styles with a high degree of freedom in the place of work include working from home.

The demand for such flexible working styles is increasing worldwide, and companies are giving workers more control over their daily work based on self-management and self-discipline. These practices provide opportunities for personal growth and coordination of work and personal life, but the resulting demand for increased autonomy and self-management may put an undue burden on workers. This special issue deals with the impact of flexible working styles on workers' health and safety and social life.

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