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**CATANIA** - Piazza Dante

Venerdì 7 ottobre 2022 - ore 8:30



**Aula Magna Santo Mazzarino  
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**LE SFIDE DELLA RICERCA PER LA GESTIONE DELLA  
SICUREZZA NEI CANTIERI  
PROF. ING. NATALIA TRAPANI**

**Prima sessione 09:30 – 11:30**

**Novità e sviluppi futuri per la salute e la  
Sicurezza nei Cantieri**

Moderatore: **Gaetano Fede**



# La sicurezza nei cantieri: questione locale o globale?

ITALIA\*

In complesso

Mortali

Tutti i settori

448.245

1.119

Settore costruzioni

37.256

164

8%

15%

\*Infortuni sul lavoro avvenuti nel periodo 2021 e definiti al 30/04/2022 (INAIL, 2022)

Forza lavoro mondiale  
impiegata nell'edilizia

circa 7%

Vittime sul lavoro nel settore  
edile a livello mondiale

30-40% dei casi fatali



# Evoluzione dei cantieri



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OGGI



...in altre parti del mondo



<https://www.cptcomo.org/sicurezza/foto-cantieri-2/>



# Evoluzione dei cantieri

OGGI O DOMANI?



<https://www.ip4fvg.it/quando-la-realta-aumentata-entra-nel-cantiere/>



<https://www.linde-mh.it/it/>



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<https://bim.acca.it/bim-e-sicurezza-in-cantiere/>



# La ricerca (bibliografica)

The screenshot shows a Google Scholar search for "safety at construction site". The search results are filtered to show articles from 2018 onwards. The search bar contains "safety at construction site" and the search button is highlighted. The results list three articles, each with a brief description and a link to the full text. The first article is "Real-time locating systems and safety in construction sites: A literature review" by N. Soltanmohammadlou, S. Sadeghi, C.K.H. Hon, et al., published in Safety Science in 2019. The second article is "Computer vision applications in construction safety assurance" by W. Fang, L. Ding, P.E.D. Love, H. Luo, H. Li, et al., published in Construction in 2020. The third article is "A bibliometric review of the status and emerging research trends in construction safety management technologies" by M. Akinlolu, T.C. Haupt, D.J. Edwards, et al., published in the Journal of Construction in 2020. The search results are sorted by relevance, and the language is set to Italian. The search filters are: "Articoli", "Circa 308.000 risultati (0,12 sec)", "In qualsiasi momento", "Dal 2022", "Dal 2021", "Dal 2018", "Intervallo specifico...", "Ordina per pertinenza", "Ordina per data", "Qualsiasi lingua", "Pagine in Italiano", "Qualsiasi tipo", "Articoli scientifici", "includi brevetti", "includi citazioni", and "Crea avviso".

circa 308.000 risultati

dal 2018



safety construction industry

**occupational health** safety construction industry

**behavior based** safety construction industry

**crane** safety construction industry

**worker** safety construction industry

**workplace health** safety construction industry

**behaviour based** safety construction industry

**work health** safety construction industry

**hong kong** construction industry



# Journals



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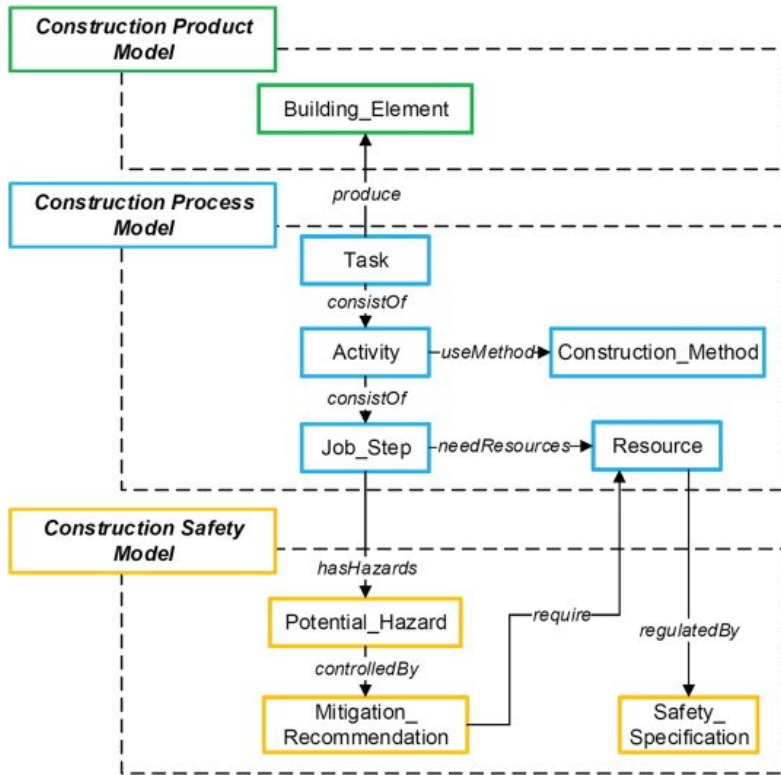
- Journal of Construction Engineering and Management
- Safety Science
- Automation in Construction
- Accident Analysis and Prevention
- Journal of Safety Research
- Journal of Management in Engineering
- Journal of Building Construction and Planning Research
- Journal of Occupational Health Psychology
- International Journal of Occupational Safety and Ergonomics
- Advanced Engineering Informatics
- ...



# La ricerca (bibliografica)

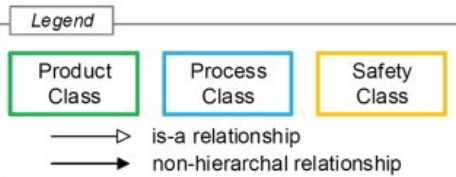
The screenshot displays the Research Rabbit app interface. On the left, a sidebar shows a collection of papers under the filter 'construction safety'. The main area lists several papers, including 'Virtual Reality as a Tool for Increasing Safety of Construction Sites' (2020), 'Smart Safety Hook Monitoring System for Construction Site' (2020), 'Roles and Responsibilities of Stakeholders towards Ensuring Health and Safety at Construction Site' (2021), 'Computer Vision and Deep Learning to Manage Safety in Construction: Matching Images of Unsafe Behavior and Semantic Rules' (2021), and 'Proposal for the Deployment of an...' (2022). A 'Similar Work' section on the right lists related papers like 'Building Information Modeling (BIM) and Safety: Automatic Safety Checking of Construction Models and Schedules' (2013) and 'A vision-based motion capture and recognition framework for behavior-based safety management' (2013). On the far right, a network graph visualization shows connections between 40 papers, with nodes representing authors and edges representing relationships. The graph is titled 'Connections between your collection and 40 papers' and includes options for 'Graph Type' (Network, Timeline) and 'Labels' (First Author, Last Author). A large red text overlay 'CLUSTER TEMATICI' is positioned at the bottom right of the graph area.

# Cluster 1: Progettazione e tecnologie digitali

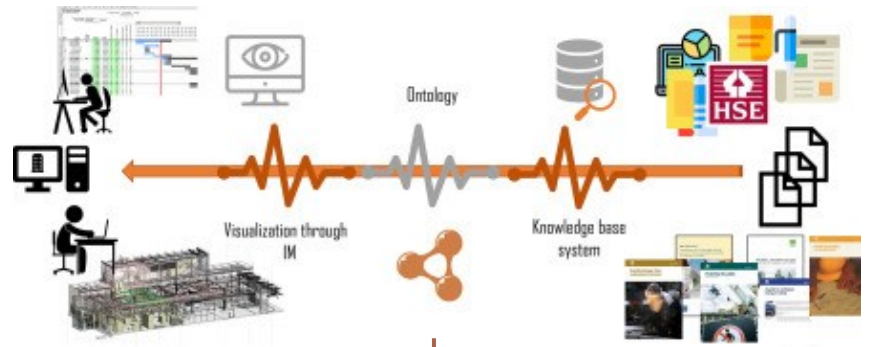


Construction Safety ontology

Zhang et al. (2015)



Non tutti i BIM forniscono suggerimenti sulla sicurezza o consentono una valutazione obiettiva dei livelli di rischio



Collinge et al. (2022)

## Safety in Design (SiD)/Prevention through Design (PtD)

	Scenario Scenario 1: Floor with openings (150 < x < 3000)	Risk Fall: From open edge	Construction Scope In situ concrete
	Building Element Slab	Element Location High-Level: Near Opening	Associated Activity Install construction
	Risk Factor Physical: Opening		
	Eliminate	Reduce	Control by subsequent design
	Inform		
Preliminary Design	Replace all openings required in floor slabs with precast service openings. Avoid holes - consider alternatives to achieve design purposes.	Cast in mesh in openings to reduce risk of person falling through. Reduce hole sizes.	Group small floor openings together to create one large opening. Locate floor openings away from passageways, work areas, & structure perimeter.
Detail Design	Avoid low walls in circulation areas. Avoid hidden alcoves and offsets.	Avoid trap hazards near openings.	Design permanent grating in opening to be installed when opening is created during construction. Specify guardrail systems around floor openings except at the entrance to stairways.
Pre construction	Avoid risk of objects falling from holes/openings on workers below.	Provide requisite guardrails and toe boards at all slab openings.	Provide warning markings and/or colour change. Provide protective grate to support weight of person over opening. Use safety nests fixed directly below the opening.
Site work, Temp works, Change control	Securely fix cover with adequate safe working load (SWL) over opening with fixings requiring tool. Impact protective measures regularly.	Ensure work is carried out only when weather conditions do not jeopardise the health and safety of workers.	Provide safe lighting levels, including access and depression. Consider indicating pathways and adding tie-offs. Every temporary floor opening shall be constantly attended by someone.
			Engage Structural Engineer with Architects to assist in design of handrail and guard elements. Engage with contractors and temp. works at appointment. Identify covering strong enough to support any loads likely to be placed on it - fix in position to prevent accidental dislodgment. Inform contractor to design-in permanent cast-in sockets around floor openings to enable early installation of railings. Identify safe working load (SWL) of temporary covers in slab floor and specify fixings. Inform Site team of any activities when covers or guardrails need to be removed. Site team required to highlight and report any changes on site affecting the design. Contractor should identify all remaining opening/edges and check the selected permanent safety measures.

Fig. 5. Risk scenario and associated treatment prompt matrix.





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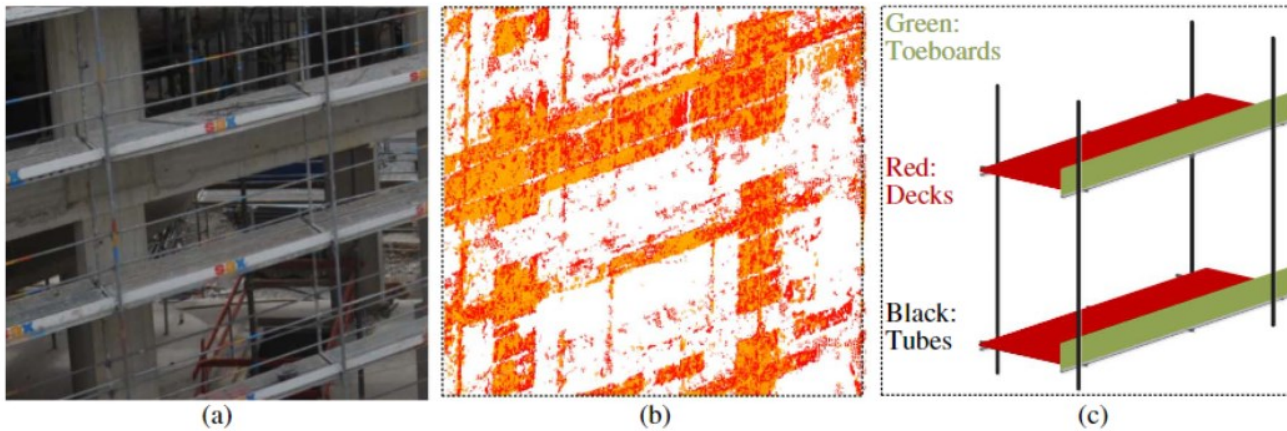


Fig. 1. (a) Image scene of scaffolds. (b) Photogrammetric point cloud generated. (c) Expected model of reconstruction.

Xu et al. (2022)

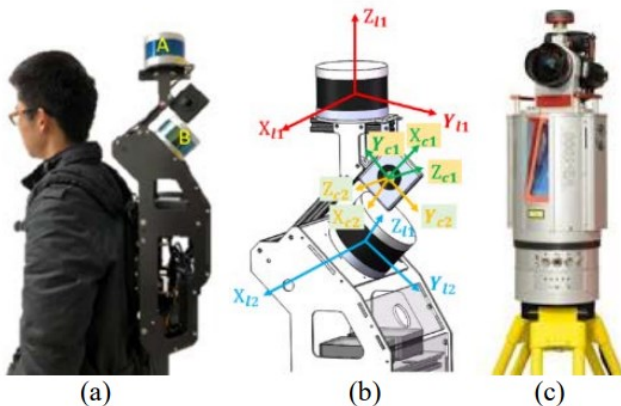


Figure 1. (a) The XBeibao II Multi-sensor system. (b) Multi-sensor coordinates system. (c) Riegl VZ-1000.



Droni (Rotary-wing):

- capacità di volo verticale, che facilita decolli e atterraggi
- capacità di volo stazionario, che consente di volare in spazi ristretti e attorno agli ostacoli

3D mapping and positioning of indoor environments. SLAM-based indoor mobile laser scanning systems (IMLS) (Wang et al., 2019)



# Cluster 2: Sensori e sistemi di monitoraggio

Real-time Construction Site Monitoring

## Sensing construction environment

### - Mapping Sensors

- Laser scanners
- RGB cameras
- Depth cameras
- Ground penetrating radar
- Sensor integration

### - Positioning and Communication Sensors

- Tracking devices
- Inertial Measurement Units
- Global Navigation Satellite Systems
- Short-range Communication technologies
- Long-range Communication technologies

### - Sensor Platforms

- Stationary
- Handheld
- Equipment-mounted
- Wearable
- Trolley
- Unmanned Ground Vehicles
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Rao et al. (2022)

## Real-time monitoring methodologies

### - Scene Understanding

- Classification
- Object detection
- Segmentation

### - Positioning Methods

- Proximity
- Triangulation & trilateration
- Fingerprinting
- Dead reckoning
- Visual positioning

### - Tracking Methods

- Active tracking
- Passive tracking

## Case studies of construction site monitoring

- Construction environments (static and dynamic)
- Monitoring workers (behaviour and physiology)
- Hazardous situations

Type	Integrated RS System	Capabilities	Limitations	Refs.
Positioning systems integration with other sensory data	GPS + Barcode	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relatively low cost (mainly goes for GPS receiver); barcode: Label ~ \$0.1, Reader ~ \$100-500 and GPS: Receiver ~ \$200 Satellite signal free</li> <li>High level of standardization and reliability</li> <li>More scalable for projects of varying sizes</li> <li>Straight forward implementation</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for free access to space for GPS system which makes it unsuitable for interior environment</li> <li>Limitation of barcode tags in differentiating between items of the same kind</li> <li>Not fully automated approach</li> </ol>	[5,22,23]
	GPS + RFID	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easier material identification due to non-line-of-sight capability of the RFID tags</li> <li>Providing both identification and localization data simultaneously</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The need for free access to space for GPS system</li> <li>A large number of RFID readers are required which increases the cost; RFID Tag ~ \$1-50 and RFID Reader ~ \$1k-5k</li> <li>Boundary constraint limitations in cluttered environments</li> </ol>	[7,24]
	Sensor-aided GPS (SA-GPS)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stability to be used in various construction operations</li> <li>Real-time tracking and reporting capabilities</li> <li>Not sensitive to the ambient environment</li> <li>Having both location/action recognition capabilities</li> <li>Providing continuous update of the location estimates</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obstacles associated with data fusion, coordination, processing, and reduction of data to produce meaningful conclusions</li> <li>Requiring relatively more time for post processing</li> <li>Drift inherent to sensors</li> <li>Initialization and calibration difficulties</li> </ol>	[26,44-47]
RFID integration with other sensory data	RFID + WSN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make it possible for tags to communicate with each other</li> <li>Facilitating the negotiation of RFID readers together</li> <li>Increased positioning accuracy</li> <li>Decreased energy consumption in comparison with an individual WSN<sup>1</sup> system</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensor does not provide any power until tag is not in the radio frequency field to communicate with reader</li> <li>Reading range decreases as the system starts using energy</li> </ol>	[26,29,48,49]

(Moselhi et al., 2020)



# Cluster 3: Internet of Things & Data Analytics

identificazione dei rischi,  
monitoraggio delle  
condizioni di salute e della  
sicurezza e le ispezioni,  
utilizzo di dispositivi di  
protezione individuale  
innovativi

- Computer vision
- Deep learning
- Transfer learning
- Image dataset
- Real-time object detection

(Moselhi et al., 2020)





# Cluster 3: Internet of Things & Data Analytics

## Smart PPE (= Personal Protective Equipment = DPI)

**Table 1**  
Safety performance metrics for construction safety and health hazards.

	Construction site hazards		Metrics
	Safety hazards	Health hazards	
Physiological monitoring	Slips, trips, and falls from height.	Stress, heat, cold, strain injuries (carpal tunnel syndrome, back injuries), skin diseases (absorption), cuts (injection), breathing or respiratory diseases, toxic gases.	Heart rate, heart rate variability, respiratory rate, body posture, body speed, body acceleration, body rotation and orientation, angular velocity, blood oxygen, blood pressure, body temperature, activity level, calories burn, and walking steps. Ambient temperature, ambient pressure, humidity, noise level, light intensity, air quality. Object detection, navigation, distance measurement, and proximity detection. Worker location tracking, materials tracking, and vehicle/equipment location tracking.
Environmental sensing	Slips, trips, fire and explosions.	Chemicals (paints, asbestos, solvents, chlorine), molds, noise, heat, cold, radiation, vibration, toxic gases.	
Proximity detection	Caught-in or -between, Struck-by moving vehicle or equipment, electrocution.	Chemicals (paints, asbestos, solvents, chlorine), molds, noise, heat, cold, radiation, vibration, toxic gases.	
Location tracking	Caught-in or -between, struck-by, confined spaces, cave in, electrocution.	Hazardous chemicals (paints, asbestos, solvents, chlorine), molds, noise, heat, cold, radiation, vibration.	

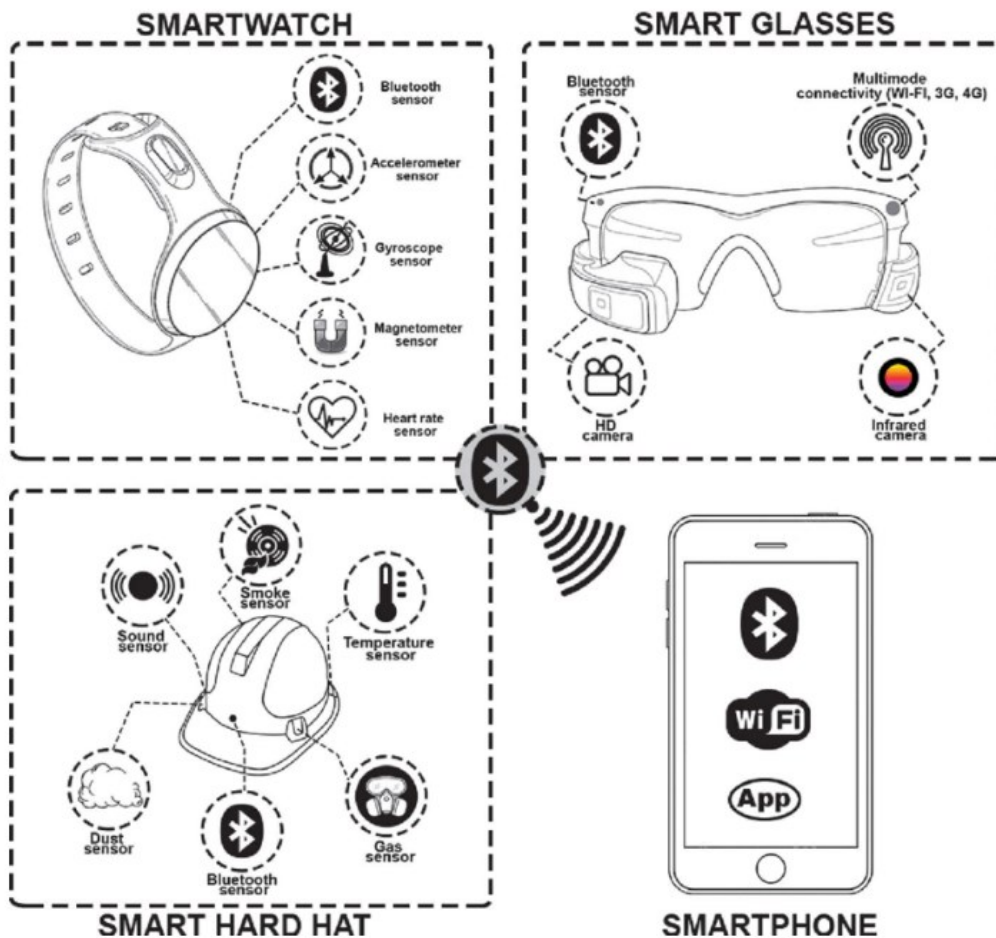
**Table 2**  
Sensors and systems for monitoring common construction safety and health hazards.

Construction Site hazards	Metrics	Sensing technology
Falls from height	Body posture	Gyroscope, accelerometer, magnetometer
Slips and trips	Body posture, body speed, body rotation and orientation	Gyroscope, accelerometer
Stress	Heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate	ECG/EKG, infrared, radar
Heat or cold	Body temperature	Thermistor
Fire and explosions	Smoke and fire detection	Infrared
Noise	Noise level	Noise sensor
Caught-in or -between	Proximity detection	RFID, UWB, infrared, radar, Bluetooth
Struck-by object	Proximity detection, location tracking	RFID, UWB, infrared, radar, Bluetooth, GPS
Electrocution	Proximity detection, location tracking	RFID, infrared, radar, Bluetooth, GPS, RFID, UWB
Cave in	Location tracking	GPS, RFID, UWB

(Awolusi et al., 2018)

# Cluster 3: Internet of Things & Data Analytics

## Smart PPE (= Personal Protective Equipment)



Smart technology and sensor upgrades in PPE

*Although such new technologies promise greater safety and comfort for workers, there are still many obstacles that need to be overcome to ensure their successful use*

<https://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/smart-personal-protective-equipment-intelligent-protection-future>

(Adjiski et al., 2019)



## Cluster 4: Robot

Utilizzo di robot nelle costruzioni:

- sostituire i lavoratori nella gestione di carichi pesanti
- evitare il ricorso a lavoratori in ambienti pericolosi (es. gallerie, spazi confinati)
- Rilevare posture adottate dal lavoratore e guidarlo nelle azioni tramite esoskeleton

(Li & Ng, 2017)



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Articolazione 4. Robotica per la salute e sicurezza 4.0 (TRL >3)

Priorità di ricerca: ...Sistemi robotici per la salute, la sicurezza e il benessere lavorativo.

Impatto atteso: EU2: Riduzione del rischio di malattie professionali e infortuni sul lavoro;

TRL: Technology Readiness Level (TRL = 4 Validazione in laboratorio del concetto)



# Cluster 5: Safety Climate & Performance

Dimension	Description
Management commitment to safety	Refers to how effective top management members are in ensuring that safety is a priority in their organization
Supervisory safety response	Refers to how responsible first-line leaders are regarding the implementation of organizational safety procedures during day-to-day activities
Safety rules and procedures	Refers to the degree to which workers believe and follow their organization's safety rules and procedures to prevent accidents/incidents
Communication	Refers to how members of both top management and front line workers communicate health and safety issues, and how openly managers receive feedback from workers about their safety and health concerns
Worker involvement	Refers to the degree to which workers receive encouragement from the upper management to participate in safety procedures and the extent to which they are invited to be a part of policy creation
Training	Refers to the amount of safety education and instruction that workers receive during their work
Risk-taking behavior	Refers to the degree of risk that workers are willing to take to complete tasks while violating safety regulations in the organization
Workload pressure	Refers to the amount of work that lead workers to perform work unsafely

impatto sulle safety  
performance dei  
lavoratori

(Alruqi et al., 2018)



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