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ABSTRACT

Accidents are the work byproducts and are present in the workers' life. The Construction Industry is one of the productive sections with high index of labor accidents and fatal occurrences; lives are lost with great and irreparable social and economic damages. National programs of preventive action have tried to make possible a different approach for the actions of the different actors: worker, employer and government. It is verified that this section is marked by the organization vulnerability and by the workforce precariousness on issues such as unemployment, high labor turnover, low wages, nourishment, education, high taxation generating more informality, subcontracting, and out sourcing. Because of this, we sought in this study to verify the reality of work accidents and to look for the improvement of the prevention conditions and work safety in the Construction Industry through the articulating forum: Permanent Regional Committee -CPR of Piracicaba, based on the Brazilian Regulatory Standard NR-18. The general objective of this work was to analyze the experience and the history of CPR-Piracicaba as articulating / inducting forum of preventive policies of accidents and diseases related to work in the construction section. The specific objective intends to contribute for the diffusion and experiences exchange of CPR while institutional Forum for implementation of improvements in the conditions of the work, looking for the understanding of employers, workers, government, professional associations and other institutions in order to promote the health of the workers in the construction area. The intention was to analyze the experience of CPR - Piracicaba as a case study through the analysis of documents of the development of the actions occurring in the committee (Minutes, Reports, training courses booklets to professionals of the area, articles of newspapers) in order to rescue the history and the experience. Also it intends to accomplish semi-structured interviews starting from an itinerary through semi-structured interviews with some committee members. Although CPR - Piracicaba is recent, it has been contributing positively to the understanding of the professionals. Many actors that compose this committee believe in the perspective of articulation between the civil entities and the public power. From the 33 established actions in the field of Public Policies, Training Courses, Performance with the Companies, Performance with the Schools and Campaigns of Media and Events, 25 were implemented and 5 were partially executed, observing that the actions in the civil society should be toward the common goal, and collective toward an only goal in community searching for new ways.

Key words: Labor Accident; Construction Industry; NR-18; CPN-CPR

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