

Good News
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Health and safety in the AV industry

Online training for Safety Officers was conducted via Zoom from July 26 to 30, 2021, to instill the importance of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) and minimize the risk of hazards in the audio-visual (AV) industry.

Department of Labor and Employment-Occupational Safety and Health Center (DOLE-OSHC) and Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP) organized a five-day zoom training program to conduct Basic Occupational Safety and Health (BOSH) for the Safety Officers (SOs) and others in the AV industry such as those working in the film studios, production/post-production companies, animation studios, camera rentals, events companies, television companies, advertising companies, and the like¹.

Pursuant to the DOLE Department Order No. 198, Series of 2018, it is the employer's duty to provide a safe and healthful workplace through capacity building of the workers such as the conduct of training and seminars, while it is one of the rights of the workers to learn the different types of hazards in the workplace by being provided with necessary training and orientations.

Bureau of Working Conditions' Dr. Marco Antonio Valeros was one of the resource speakers in the BOSH training. He discussed the OSH legislations such as rights of the workers and penalties for violations, and OSH Programming, where he highlighted the importance of OSH as it promotes productivity and harmonious work relationship and the light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety and health of workers, especially those in the AV industry is always at risk, therefore should be prioritized.

Occupational hazards are always here, and the AV industry is no exception to this; therefore, DOLE, in collaboration with other government agencies, is constantly working to guide the companies and ensure their compliance for a safe and healthful working condition.

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¹ <https://www.fdcph.com.ph/media/fdcp-dole-hold-free-training-seminar-participants-get-safety-officer-ii-certification>