

# ***What are the ethical challenges in Occupational Health ?***

**The point of view of the  
Health and Safety  
engineer**

## Summary

- **French engineers and ethic notions**
- **The example of an engineer in the Health and Safety service**
- **The particular case of the Health and Safety engineer in a regional agency of the french social security**

## French engineer and ethic notions

- **Any or few ethic notions studied in french engineering schools**
- **In 2001, for the first time in France, the National Engineering Committee wrote a code of ethics**

## **The example of an engineer in the Health and Safety service**

- **The engineer approach is focused on scientific and technical aspects mainly**
- **The engineer works directly for the company manager, he is not an independent worker**
- **Working in a multidisciplinary approach needs to integrate these particularities**

### **The particular case of the Health and Safety engineer in a regional agency of the french social security**

- **In 2001, the engineers of the social security agencies adopted 3 essentials values for their interventions in companies :**
  - Respect for people,
  - Transparency,
  - Social dialogue.
- **The engineers have two mission statements :**
  - to control
  - to advise**companies on technical means to prevent occupational accidents and diseases**

***Which ethical tensions between control and advice ?***

**Thank you  
for your attention**