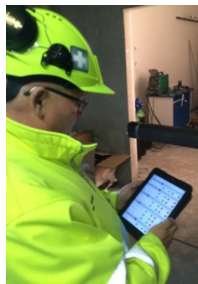


## Safety Observer app template for use in measuring safe and healthy working conditions and behaviour with nanomaterials



Safe-by-design & NFFA  
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## Calibrate - project The nano life-cycle

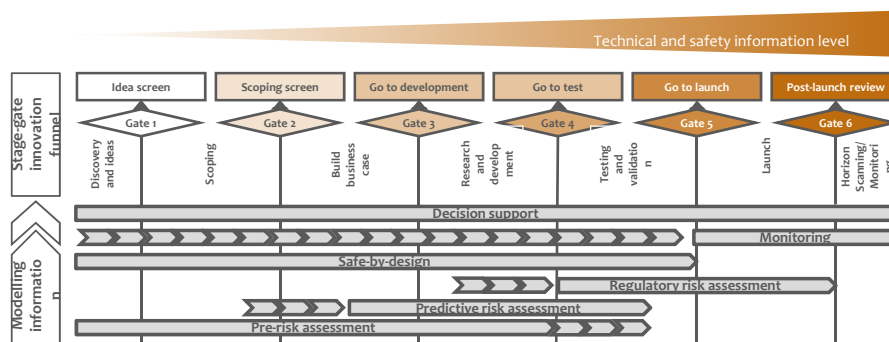
- Nano-specific OSH programs and risk assessment procedures that cover all aspects of the **life-cycle** - from research and design to disposal

Idea – Design - Production - Use - Reuse - Destruction

(OSH = Occupational safety and health)

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## Stage-gate model Research & innovation value chain perspective



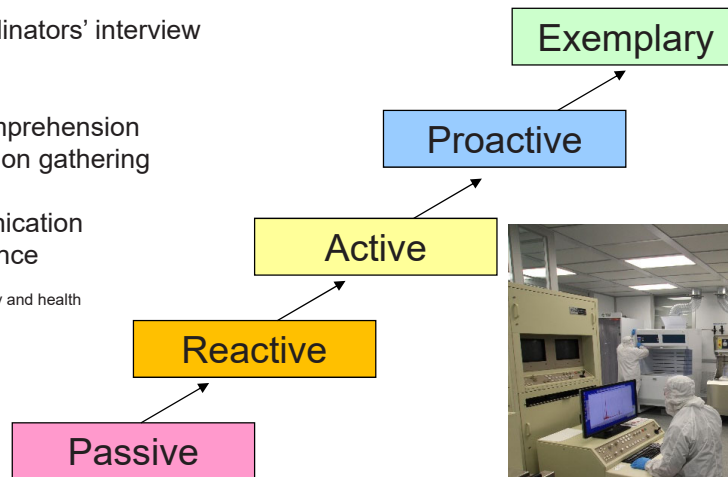
## How do academia and industry attain and apply knowledge about nano? (WP4)

OSH co-ordinators' interview statements

### Nano

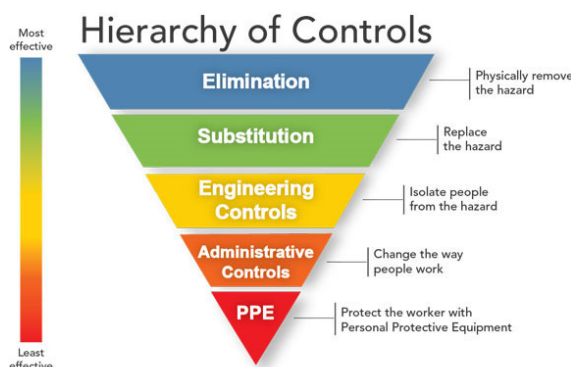
- Risk comprehension
- Information gathering
- Actions
- Communication
- Compliance

OSH  
Occupational safety and health



## Precautionary principle and hierarchy of controls

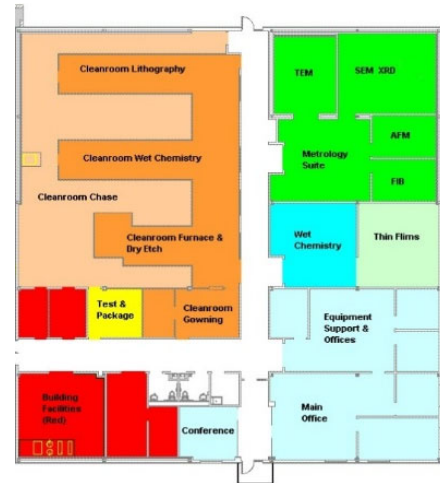
Appropriate **precautionary** measures should be taken even when the cause and effect relationships are not fully established scientifically



### Nano-safety

- Design stage
- Powder – Slurry
- Ventilation
- Training & job rotation
- Gloves, mask

# Paint factory – plant layout



## Objectives

- ✓ A tool for use in **safety rounds** in **workplaces** and laboratories that work with or are exposed to nanomaterials and nano-related products
- ✓ Intuitive and **easily useable** by students, workers, faculty, lab directors and occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals in assessing nano OSH risks
- ✓ Focus on both **safety** 😊 and **risks** ☹️

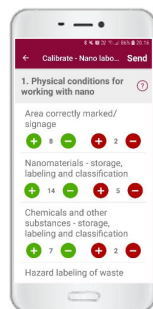


Nanotech 1 (NTA) Main Entrance

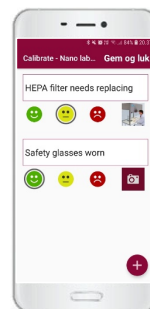
# Examples of things to observe and measure: Nano-observer



1) Signage, marking and labelling (one of more observation for each room, storage area, piece of equipment or tool, etc.)



**1: Observe**  
**2: Count**  
**+ Safe**  
**+ Unsafe**  
**3: Notes**  
**4: Photos**



# Examples of things to observe and measure: Nano-observer



2) Nano handling, storage & transport  
(one observation for each process in a given area)



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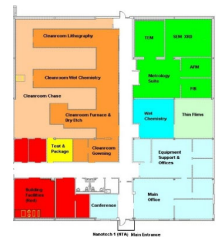


## Examples of things to observe and measure: Nano-observer

- 3) Ventilation and filters (e.g. one observation for each HEPA-filer as to whether it is properly maintained and cleaned)



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## Examples of things to observe and measure: Nano-observer



- 4) Personal protective equipment (e.g. gloves, lab coats, long pants, safety glasses, ear plugs, face shields, closed-toed shoes, respiratory masks)



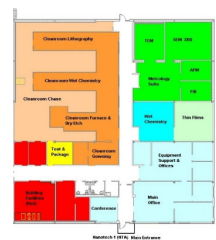
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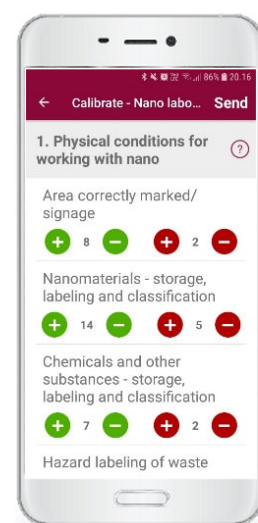
- 6) Order and tidiness (work and transport areas)
- 7) Hygiene (e.g. no food or drinks in the lab; changing clothes)
- 8) Waste storage, recycling and disposal (e.g. signs, labels)
- 9) First aid equipment (e.g. one observation per necessary station)

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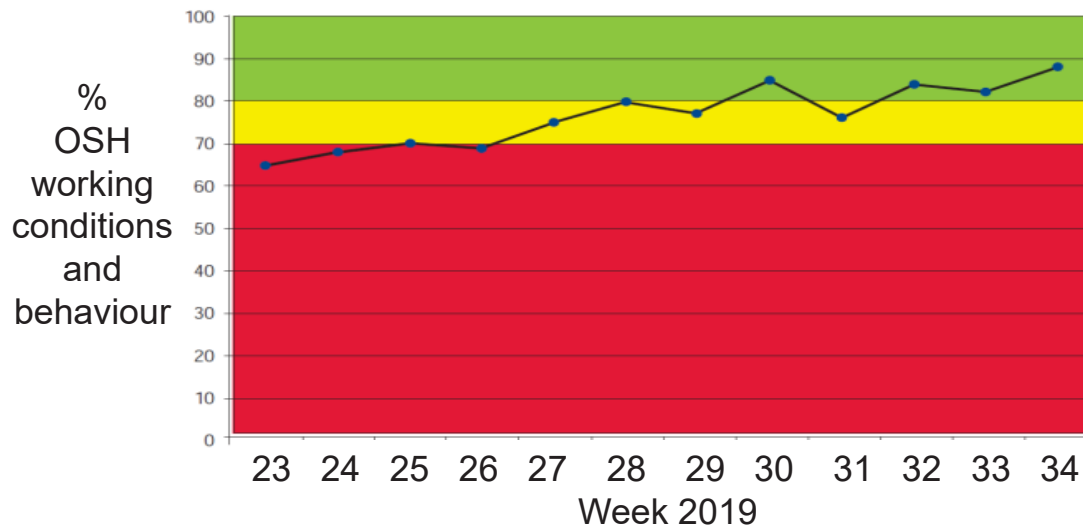


## Safety index

Topics	Observation Safe	Total	Observation Unsafe	Total
1. Signage	///// //	8	//	2
2. Nano-materials/products	///// ///// /////	14	/////	5
3. Chemicals	///// //	7	//	2
4. Waste and disposal	///// //	8	///// ///// //	13
5. Personal protective equipment	///// ///// ///// ///// /////	24	///// ///// //	14
6. First aid equipment	///// //	10	//	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>
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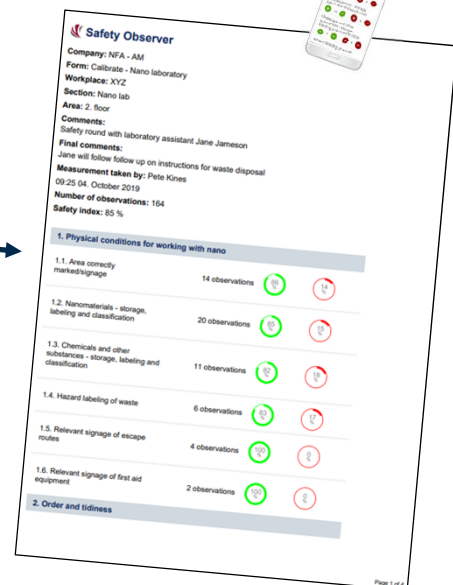
## Nano-observer Safety index



## Nano-observer: Results

**Results and report immediately available:**

1. On device
2. In email – PDF report sent to both user and account administrator
3. In web-account
4. In Excel format

**Safety Observer**

Company: NFA - AM  
Form: Calibrate - Nano laboratory  
Workplace: XYZ  
Section: Nano lab  
Area: 2. floor  
Comments:  
Safety round with laboratory assistant Jane Jameson  
Final comments:  
Jane will follow follow up on instructions for waste disposal  
Measurement taken by: Pete Kines  
09.25 04. October 2019  
Number of observations: 104  
Safety index: 85 %

1. Physical conditions for working with nano	
1.1. Area correctly marked/signage	14 observations <span>100%</span>
1.2. Nanomaterials - storage, labeling and classification	20 observations <span>100%</span>
1.3. Chemicals and other substances - storage, labeling and classification	11 observations <span>100%</span>
1.4. Hazard labeling of waste	6 observations <span>100%</span>
1.5. Relevant signage of escape routes	4 observations <span>100%</span>
1.6. Relevant signage of first aid equipment	2 observations <span>100%</span>
2. Order and tidiness	

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## App links

### Information

- [nfa.dk/safetyobserver](https://nfa.dk/safetyobserver)

### Administrator modul

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## Thank you for your attention



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