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Your Safety Matters

This information letter is distributed to those people who are ensuring that their workplace is safe and healthy. This includes members of OHS Committees, OHS Representatives, Safety Officers, Supervisors, Managers and Directors. "Your Safety Matters" (formerly "Committee Member") is a free information letter which has been distributed since 1996.

Can Your Organisation Pass the Section 8 Test?



Section 8 is the section in the NSW Occupational Health & Safety Act 2000 which sets out an employer's main responsibilities regarding his employees.

It states that an employer must ensure the health, safety and welfare at work of its employees. This includes the following :

- Premises that are safe and without risks to health.
- Machinery, equipment and substances that are safe and without risks to health.
- Systems of work and a working environment that are safe and without risks to health.
- Provision of information, instruction and training that is necessary to ensure health & safety.
- Supervision that is necessary to ensure health and safety.
- Adequate facilities for the welfare of employees.

So, how effective is your organisation at providing these ?

Try this test.

If you are certain that your premises are safe and without risk to health then give it a score of 10. But if you do not know or have a reason to believe the premises are not completely safe then give a score of less than 10. Give a score for each of the points of the list.

Now you have an overall view of how well you feel section 8 is being complied with in your workplace and have identified areas that need to be investigated further to get the real facts so that action can be taken to handle any problem areas.



Get it on the Agenda for your next committee meeting and help make your organisation a safer and healthier workplace.

SCORE SHEET

SCORE

ACTION REQUIRED

Premises	_____	_____
Machinery Equipment, Substances	_____	_____
Systems of Work and Environment	_____	_____
Instruction & Training	_____	_____
Supervision	_____	_____
Facilities for Welfare	_____	_____

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