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# Your Safety Matters

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## OHS Committee Recommendations

**Here are some points to keep in mind when an OHS Committee makes recommendations to management.**



- The OHS Committee cannot enforce its recommendations
- The decision to implement the recommendation, and the legal responsibility for handling the issue raised by the OHS Committee, lies with management
- Management should demonstrate that it values the work and recommendations done by its OHS Committee
- Management should give genuine consideration to OHS Committee recommendations
- Management has to provide access to information that the OHS Committee needs to do its work
- Obtaining independent advice from a qualified consultant can often resolve differences of opinion about the recommendations
- The OHS Committee can request WorkCover to send an inspector to look into the issue if management has not handled it within a reasonable time
- Commitment to workplace health and safety, open communication and willing cooperation can resolve workplace issues



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