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Your Safety Matters

This information letter is distributed to those people who ensure their workplace is safe and healthy. This includes members of OHS Committees, OHS Representatives, Safety Officers, Supervisors, Managers and Directors. "Your Safety Matters" is the new title for "Committee Member" - a free information letter which has been distributed since 1996.

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People with **Attitude**

You probably feel that most accidents in your workplace are preventable.

It could be that some people in your workplace are not as positive or as committed to preventing accidents as you are.



If so you may need to work on that or at least keep it in mind when you make a recommendation about OHS or when OHS procedures are implemented.

The results of a **1998 survey in Australia by the Australian National OHS Commission** may be an indication of the attitudes about OH & S in your workplace. This survey was on people's attitudes on accident prevention and is set out below.

Obviously the people who responded to this survey do not share WorkCover's view that 97% of all accidents are preventable.

So what is the attitude of people in your workplace ?

This survey would not take too long to do and could give you valuable information about attitudes in your workplace.



Proportion of Workplace Accidents that can be Prevented

Nearly all of them	25 %
More than Half	31 %
About Half	31 %
Less than Half	8 %
Hardly Any	1 %
Unsure	4 %

source : National OHS Commission Survey 1998