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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 Health & Safety Committees, Health & Safety Representatives, Safety Officers, Supervisors, Managers and Directors. "Your Safety Matters" (formerly "Committee Member") is a free information letter which has been distributed since 1996.



A WHS Risks Check

Here is a list that could help workers such as HSRs, Committee members, Managers and Supervisors, to identify WHS matters in their area of the workplace that may need attention. Every organisation wants to manage workplace health and safety risks. It's the key area of work health and safety.

You may like to score each item out of 10. Check your facts and if there is a real situation make a report or take any other action required by the work health and safety system in your workplace.

- Our workplace is regularly inspected and hazards identified.
(WHS Act Section 17 to 19, WHS Regulation 34)
- All WHS risks have been assessed. (WHS Act Section 18)
- WHS risks have been eliminated or are controlled so far as reasonably practicable.
(WHS Regulation 35 to 37)
- Workers and others are informed, instructed, trained, and supervised about WHS risks that could affect them. (WHS Act Section 19 (3)(f), WHS Regulation 39)
- Workers and others carry out safe work procedures and apply risk controls where required. (WHS Act Section 28, WHS Regulation 37)
- The effectiveness of our risk controls are monitored and reviewed regularly.
(WHS Regulation 37, 38)
- Workers who are in risk affected areas risk are consulted in all the above actions.
(WHS Act Sections 46 to 49)

This publication provides general information about WHS. It is not a legal opinion and does not represent a comprehensive statement of the law to be applied to a particular problem.