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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.

When a PCBU Must Consult With Workers

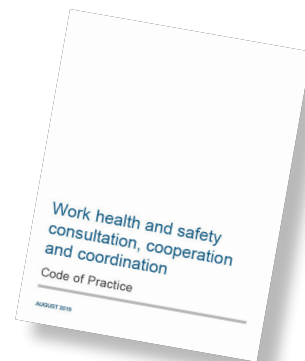
A safe and healthy workplace is easier to achieve when workers are consulted and involved. That is why consultation is mandatory under the WHS Act. (See sections 47 - 49)



Managers and Supervisors have an important part to play in this on behalf of the PCBU and should consult with workers, Health & Safety Representatives, or Health & Safety Committee when;

- Identifying hazards and assessing risks to health and safety
- Making decisions about ways to eliminate or minimise those risks
- Proposing changes that may affect the health and safety of workers
- Making decisions about the adequacy of facilities for the welfare of workers
- When making decisions about procedures for:
 - consulting with workers
 - resolving workplace health and safety issues
 - monitoring the health of workers
 - monitoring workplace conditions
 - providing information and training for workers

For further details see pages 10, 39 and 40 of the Work Health and Safety Consultation, Co-operation and Co-ordination Code of Practice



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