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



The Benefits - Using WHS Codes of Practice

A model WHS Code of Practice developed by SafeWork Australia and approved by SafeWork NSW can be your "very good friend" when dealing with the subject that is covered by that Code because:

- It gives you practical guidance in how to achieve the standards of health, safety and welfare required under the WHS Act and the WHS Regulations.
- It indicates legal requirements that you must comply with by using the word "must", "requires" or "mandatory".
- It recommends actions you could take to comply with legal requirements by using the word "should" and uses the word "may" to indicate an optional action you could take
- It is easy to understand and written in plain language
- It gives you knowledge and certainty on what to do about the subject covered by the Code including the hazards, risks and risk control
- It gives you peace of mind because usually a SafeWork NSW Inspector or a Court can accept that what you did in following the Code satisfies the requirement that a PCBU do everything reasonably practicable to ensure health and safety regarding the subject covered by that Code.

You can find Codes of Practice that apply to your workplace on SafeWork NSW's website. Just click this [link](#).

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