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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.

When Consultation is Required

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 (section 49).



Managers and Supervisors have an important part to play in this and should consult with workers, their 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 page 5 of the Work Health and Safety Consultation, Co-operation and Co-ordination Code of Practice



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