## Occupational Health & Safety

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#### **Definition:**

- Means by which to control aspects of work production that involve any degree of risk or danger that may cause injury or harm.
- This process eliminates such elements to ensure employee safety & health.

## For All Employees

#### The Reasons for OH & S:

- Eliminates possible danger.
- Safeguard employee productivity.
- Means to promote workplace processes.
- Protect employee rights.
- Maintain worker health.

## **Our Safety Procedures**



- Written Instructions in OH
  & S Manual.
- Regular Inspections by Safety Representatives.
- Informal: Employee Observation.
- In accord with legal regulations.

# All Safety Checks on Office Equipment

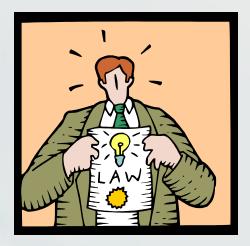
- Lighting & Glare.
- Equipment Layout & Access.
- Space.
- Manual Handling.
- Noise.
- Ventilation, humidity & temperature.

- Desk.
- Chair Adjusted Height & Foot Position.
- Computer & Accessories.
- Laptops.
- Safety Equipment.

## Our Safety Representatives

The two representatives elected as company advisors on all OH & S issues. Empowered to act on behalf of employees & employer. Able to inspect any incident or potential problem.

- Phillip Jenkins (Senior Rep.)
- Jane Sutton(Junior Rep.)



## Recent Injury / Illness: Australia

(Source: ABS 6324.0 Year: 2005 - 06)

Category	%
Fracture	6.4
Chronic joint or muscle condition	18.6
Sprain / strain	30.1
Cut / open wound	19.2
Crushing injury / internal organ damage / amputation	4.0
Superficial injury	7.5
Stress or other mental condition	4.5
Other	9.7

## **Prevention** (The Best Cure)

The 4 Step System:

SAFE

**S**pot the Hazard

**A**ssess the Risk

Fix the Problem

Evaluate Results



## Spot the Hazard

#### Physical inspection of workplace.

A hazard is anything with potential to cause injury, illness or damage.

Identified by:

- Observing Workers Tasks.
- > Speaking to Workers.
- ➤ Using Safety Checklist.
- > Review Manufacturers Info.
- View injury Records.

#### **Assess the Risk**

# Once hazards are identified determine their level of risk.

A risk is the likelihood of a hazard causing injury, illness or damage to health.

Assessed by:

- > Potential Impact of hazard.
- How likely is the hazard to cause someone harm.

#### Fix the Problem

#### Also known as risk control.

Aim to remove a hazard completely. If this is not possible a 'hierarchy of control' exist.

- Eliminate the Hazard.
- Substitute the Hazard.
- > Isolate the Hazard.
- ➤ Use Engineering Controls.
- > Use Administrative Controls.
- > Use Personal Protective Equipment.

#### **Evaluate Results**

This comes after the first three steps in the hazard management process.

How effective are changes made to fix the problem.

Talk to workers & their response.

- > Are changes making a difference?
- Workers opinion on change.
- > Do solutions reduce risk?
- Do solutions create new hazards or increase risk of existing ones?

## Reporting Risks & Incidents

Under current law a Workplace Standards Inspector must be notified immediately if:

- > Someone is killed.
- Someone suffers serious bodily injury or illness (requiring hospital admission).
- ➤ A dangerous incident occurs which could have resulted in someone being killed or serious injury / illness.

**On Helpline:** 1300 366 322

## Details to be Reported in Writing

For other incidents & near misses a written record must be made.

The Written Report must include:

- What: Description of Event / Injury / Damage.
- **When:** Time & Date of incident.
- **Where:** Location & Street Address.
- Who: Person, Witness, Workplace & Reporter.
- ➤ Why: Incident cause, Future action to prevent it again.

## Resolving OH & S Issues

Consultation process to share information on OH & S. Both employees & employers work together to resolve issues. Through committees & safety reports. Inspectors pivotal as they provide an assessment of conditions in the workplace.

## In case of an Emergency

Means the safe & rapid evacuation of workplace in the case of an emergency.

Emergency procedures can be invoked once a threat becomes visible.

Drill commands include personnel departure & actions to counter existing danger.

### **Employer Responsibilities**

#### To maintain & provide:

- > A safe working environment.
- Safe systems of work.
- > Facilities for the welfare of all workers.
- Any information, instruction, training or supervision needed to ensure workers safety.

## **Employee Responsibilities**

#### Responsible for:

- Ensuring own personal health & safety, and that of others in the workplace.
- Complying with any reasonable directions given by management relating to health & safety.

## Safety & Hazard Signs













#### **OH & S Policies**

#### Further Resources on these issues are available:

Safe Work Australia Council.

Workplace Safety Australia.

Websites.

National Research Centre for OHS Regulation.

Workplace OHS.

OH & S Solutions.