

JANUARY SAFETY BULLETIN

Safety Awareness

Safety awareness is a constant realization that every worker should always have. It involves being constantly aware of how they are working, and being able to recognise the hazards they face. Safety awareness is essential in mitigating safety-related risks.

Importance

As a continuous alert attitude to the safety aspects of every activity or job that we do. It is important that we must take the necessary steps to reduce the risks of workplace dangers and exposure to environmental risks.

Regulations (The Act)

The WHS Act 2020 in Western Australia, WHS Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011 in Queensland, and Health and Safety At Work Act 2015 in New Zealand, and corresponding regulations and Code of Practices places duties on all persons at work including employees that everyone must do their bit to create a safe working environment and accident-free workplace.

One must take reasonable care of their health and safety, the health and safety of those around them and the members of the public. It is important to be aware of the hazards you are exposed to, and the safety precautions in place to protect you. In the interest of health and safety, you must follow the rules and regulations including wearing any Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided and using any safety equipment when provided and as instructed.

Guidance

- Play your part in keeping the site tidy and safe.
- Stay alert when working in the vicinity of moving machineries and vehicles.
- Do not operate machines unless you have been trained and are authorised.



- Never ride machine or hoists, which are not designed for passengers.
- Do not take shortcuts.
- Report any defects or damage.
- Report any unsafe situations or practices you come across.
- Report all accidents and near misses.
- Ask your manager or supervisor when you are in doubt about the safety of work activities.

Summary

Employees must cooperate with the employer and supervisors in anything done in the interests of health, safety, and welfare. Successful health and safety management requires all levels of the workforce to be involved and aware of safety issues.