# WELCOME TO SAFETY AWARENESS TRAINING

#### **COURSE CONTENT:**

#### OSH - THE LAW, YOUR EMPLOYER & YOU

- ◆The Legislative Framework & Duty of Care
- ◆Roles and Responsibilities
- ◆Resolution of Workplace Issues & Right to Refuse Work
- ♦Workplace Policy and Procedures
- ◆Reporting and Documentation

#### MANAGING RISKS IN THE WORKPLACE

- ◆Risk Management
- ♦Hazard Identification
- ♦Risk Assessment & Risk Control
- ◆Contingency & Emergency Plans

#### STAYING SAFE IN THE B&C INDUSTRY

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- ♦Health and Fitness
- ◆Accident Awareness & Prevention
- ♦Personal Protective Equipment
- ◆Equipment & Tool Safety
- ♦Smoking, Alcohol & Drugs
- **♦**Evacuation Plans

#### **ENVIRONMENT & OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- Weather Conditions
- ◆Environmental Factors
- ◆Confined Space & Working at Heights/Falls Prevention
- ◆Electrical Safety
- ♦ Hazardous Substance Management

#### **ASSESSMENT**

#### **OSH – LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK**

#### **AUSTRALIAN PERSPECTIVE**

**ASCC** 

- ◆Codes of Practice
- **♦**Standards

#### **WORKSAFE**

- **♦**Administration
- ◆Regulation
- **♦**Education

#### **WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LAWS**

- **♦**Acts
- ◆Regulations
- ◆Codes of Practice
- **♦**Standards

#### **DUTY OF CARE**

**EMPLOYER** 

**EMPLOYEE** 

**COMMITTEES & HEALTH & SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES** 

#### **ACTS**

Acts outline the legal rules (OSH Act establishes the general duties of employers, employees and others).

#### **REGULATIONS**

Regulations provide detailed requirements that industry must follow.

#### **CODES OF PRACTICE**

Provide guidance on prevention strategies & practical means of achieving compliance in specific areas.

#### **STANDARDS**

Set benchmarks or minimum standards.

#### **GUIDANCE NOTES**

Provide detailed information on the requirements of statutes, regulations, standards and codes of practice.

#### **OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

Require people to hold a relevant certificate of competency.

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#### PRINCIPLES OF OSH

- That everyone can work in a safe and healthy workplace
- Risks and hazards are identified and eliminated from workplaces
- Employers and employees abide by their duty of care responsibilities
- Cooperation between all parties to improve safety

#### **DUTY OF CARE:**

#### What is duty of care?

'General duty of care' describe the onus that the Act places upon people to ensure their own safety at work and that of others who are at the workplace or who might be injured by the work.

Duty of care is aimed at preventing anyone being killed, injured or contracting an illness because of work or activities at a workplace.

#### Who has a duty of care responsibility?

- Employers
- Employees
- Self-employed people
- Principals (people who engage contractors)
- Contractors and persons engaged/employed by the contractor
- People who have control of workplaces or the access to or egress from a workplace
- Designers, manufacturers, importers and suppliers to workplaces
- Erectors or installers of plant for use at a workplace
- Designers or constructors of buildings or structures for use at a workplace
- Employment agents who hire out workers

# PRACTICALLY EVERYONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE BODY OF WORK HAS A DUTY OF CARE

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#### **DUTY OF CARE**

#### **EMPLOYER**

- ◆Provide safe workplace
- ♦Information & instruction
- ◆Training
- ◆Provide PPE
- ◆Consultation /Cooperation

#### **EMPLOYEE**

- ◆Reasonable care
- ◆Follow instructions
- **♦**Use PPE
- ◆Do no harm
- ♦ Report incidents /hazards

#### **COMMITTEES & HEALTH & SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES**

**Committees** act as a group to ensure that policies, training, instructions and accident and incident outcomes are all addressed. They also monitor workplace systems to ensure safety.

**Workplace representatives** act as a conduit between employers and employees to discuss and resolve OSH issues in the workplace

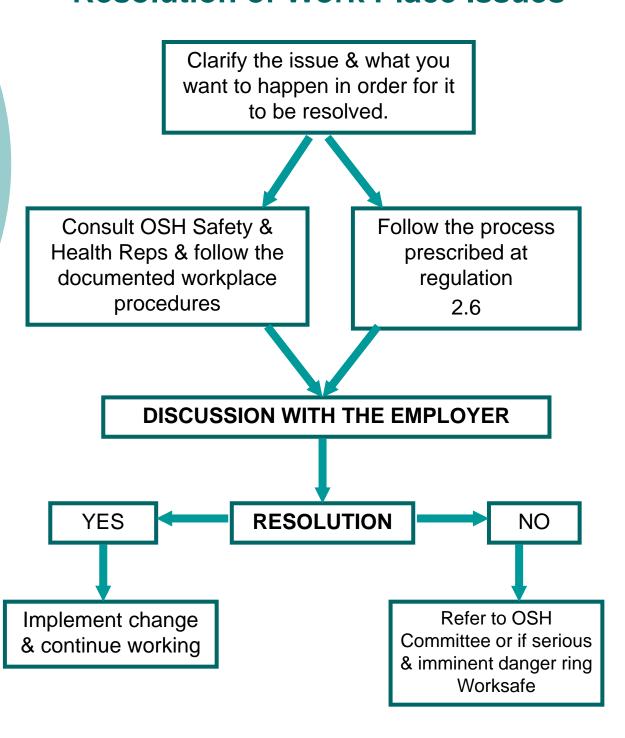
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# **PENALTIES**

Anyone who has a duty of care can be prosecuted for a breach of that duty under the Act.

- ◆Penalties for employers who breach the Act range up to \$625,000.
- Employees can also be fined.

# **Resolution of Work Place Issues**



# RIGHT TO REFUSE WORK

The OSH Act prescribes that a worker can refuse work if they have a <u>legitimate reason</u> to believe that continuing to work would place themselves or others at risk of <u>serious and imminent injury or harm to health.</u>

This does not mean refusing to do any work. You can be asked to do other duties while the matter is resolved & <u>only</u> the persons who are in serious and imminent danger can stop work.

Employees must notify the employer immediately.

Attempts must be made to resolve the issue. If no resolution is achieved a Worksafe Inspector may be requested to resolve the issue.

Inspector can issue **Verbal Directions**, **Improvement Notices**, and **Prohibition Notices**.

#### **WORKPLACE POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

- Establish the workplace rules
- Provide information on the way work happens
- Contain minimum standards for workplace behaviour
- Prescribe processes for dealing with issues / concerns

#### **EMPLOYERS SHOULD:**

- Develop policies
- Inform employees of these policies
- Provide employees with access to policies
- Abide by the policies
- Review and update

#### **EMPLOYEES SHOULD:**

- Access policies to be informed
- Follow policy directions / instructions
- Seek clarification if required
- Report anomalies between policy directions and work practices

# **REPORTING & DOCUMENTATION**

# REPORTING

- Employers must report notifiable/serious injury, diseases and deaths to Worksafe.
- Employees must report accidents, injuries
   workplace hazards to the employer.

# **DOCUMENTATION**

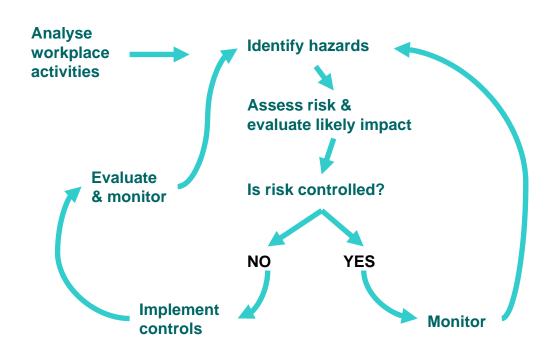
- Tagging
  - Damaged tools, electrical cords, equipment
- - Incidents, first aid treatment, hazardous substances
- ♦ Forms
  - Incidents and accidents, maintenance requests
- Reports
  - Accident reports, investigations of near misses
- Other
  - Instructions

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Risk is the <u>likelihood</u> that a hazard will result in injury, illness, loss or damage to people, the environment, property, plant or equipment and the potential <u>severity</u> of that injury, illness, loss or damage.

The aim of risk management is to find and fix hazards before incidents occur and in the event that an incident does occur, ensure that appropriate corrective action is undertaken.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT FLOWCHART



#### HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

#### **DEFINITION**

A hazard is anything that has the potential to cause injury or disease to people, damage to the environment, property, plant or equipment.

# **Examples of types of hazards**

- Physical hazards
- Plant operation hazards
- Biological hazards
- Radiation hazards
- Psychological hazards
- Ergonomic hazards

#### HAZARD IDENTIFICATION STRATEGIES

- Observe the workplace
- Analyse tasks/work activities
- Assess task / activities interactions
- Identify any changes
- Consider past incidents or injuries
- Review information provided by manufacturers or suppliers
- Monitor industry practice / outcomes
- Check Codes of Practice / Standards
- Worksafe & OSH Laws

# RISK ASSESSMENT

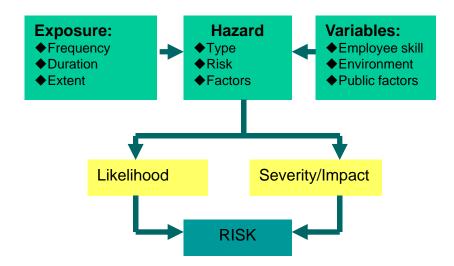
# Evaluate risk

◆Gather information

# Determine severity

- ◆Determine likelihood of event
- Assess the consequences
- ◆Rate the risks

#### FLOWCHART - ASSESS & EVALUATE RISK



#### **IDENTIFYING RISK SEVERITY**

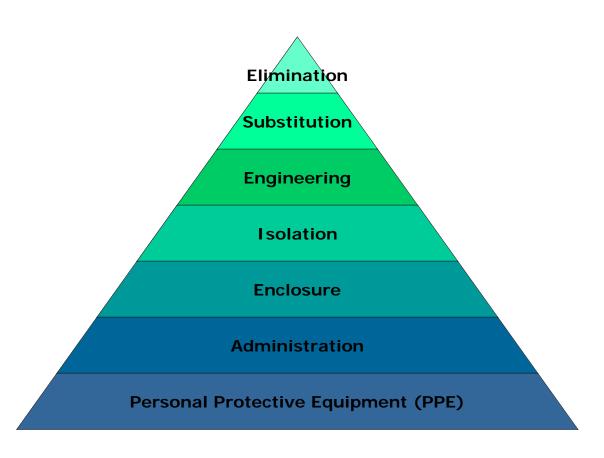
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	Insignificant eg: no injuries	Moderate eg: first aid/medical treatment	Major eg: extensive injuries	Catastrophic eg: fatalities			
Very Likely	High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme			
Likely	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme			
Moderate	Low	High	Extreme	Extreme			
Unlikely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme			
Highly unlikely (rare)	Low	Moderate	High	High			

Source: The First Step: Worksafe WA

# **RISK CONTROL**

The primary aim of risk control is to eliminate the risk. Risk control must be achieved using a predetermined hierarchy of controls. The risk control measure selected must be the highest possible option in the hierarchy to minimise the risk to the lowest level as reasonably practicable

#### HIERARCHY OF CONTROL

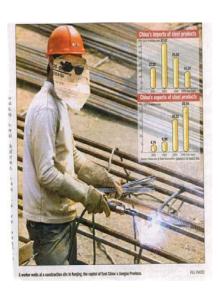


# Case study Identify the correct hazard controls













#### **CONTINGENCY & EMERGENCY PLANS**

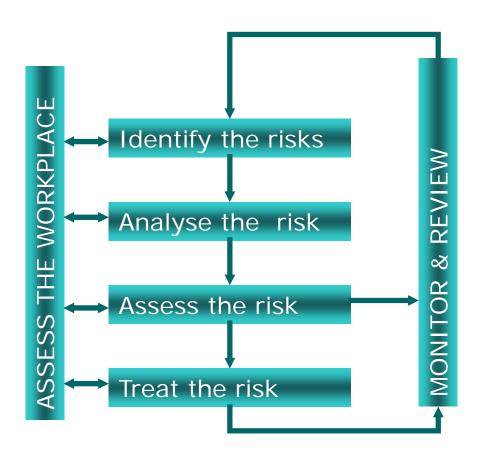
Contingency plans tell you what to do when there has been a change in the status of work.

Emergency plans direct you what to do in potentially dangerous situations.

- ◆ These are a part of your work place procedures and you must act in accordance with directions.
- Your workplace may require you to be involved in a practice or drill for such events.
- It is important for you to know what processes are in place and you must ask your supervisor.

#### **MONITORING & REVIEW**

Control measures should be reviewed in order to determine the effectiveness of the control measure and whether the implementation of the control measure will introduce a new hazard.



# **JOB SAFETY ANALYSIS**

JOB SAFETY ANALYSIS JOB TITLE:		JSA No.			<u>NEW</u>		DATE:
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	TITLE OF PERSON WHO DOES JOB:		SUPERVISOR:		ANALYSED BY:		
COMPANY: DEPARTMENT:			PLANT/LOCATION:		REVIEWED BY:		
	REQUIRED OR RECOMMENDED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:				APPROVED BY:		
SEQUENCE OF BASIC JOB STEPS	POTENTIAL HAZARDS	RISK ASSESSMI PROB. CONSQ. SCO		RECOMMENDED ACTION OR PROCEDURE	RESIDUAL RISK PROB. CONSQ. SCORE		
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- Choose the job
- Break it down into stages
- Identify hazards for each stage
- Determine appropriate controls for each hazard

#### **HEALTH & FITNESS**

Worker capacity includes fitness, health, skill, experience, and motivation. When prolonged hard work is involved, fitness is the most important factor in worker capacity.

Medical conditions may limit, reduce or prevent the person from performing a job effectively. Things to be aware of:

- A change in health
- A medical condition that can limit, reduce or prevent a person from performing a new or current job effectively
- A medical condition that can make it unsafe to do the job
- ◆ A medical condition that is likely to make it unsafe for the worker, their co-workers or the public
- A medical condition that may be made worse by the job

#### **ACCIDENT AWARENESS & PREVENTION**

An **accident** can be defined as "an <u>unplanned</u> and <u>unexpected</u> event with <u>undesirable</u> or <u>unfortunate</u> consequences, or an unintentional act which although it may not be the result of negligence or misconduct still results in injury or property damage. An accident may be immediately preceded by an unsafe act or condition." (CCH Australia Ltd, 1992)

Each year, 650,000 workers suffer a work-related injury or illness. That's one in every 12 Australian workers. At least 120,000 of these injured or ill workers require more than five days off work.

It is also estimated there are at least 2,900 work-related deaths in Australia each year. (NOHSC 2004)

- Accidents don't just happen they are caused;
- Steps must be taken to prevent accidents from occurring; and
- Without corrective action, the same type of accident will reoccur.

# COMMON ACCIDENTS Three common causes:

Body stress



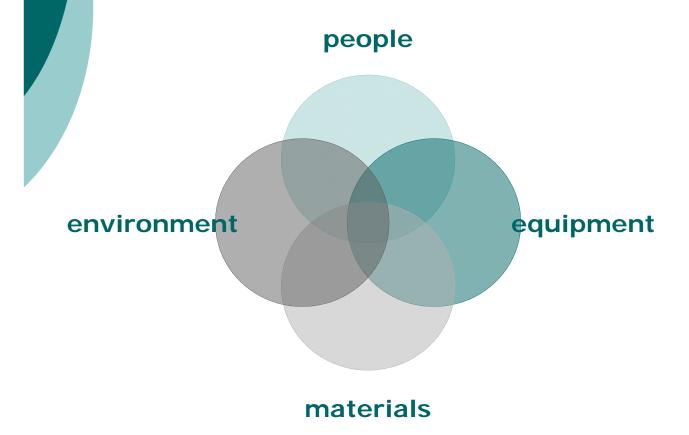


Slips, trips and falls

Hitting and being hit by objects.



# THE WORKPLACE ACCIDENT



The interaction of people, equipment, material and the environment is an important consideration in accident prevention.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is generally the last line of defence. If the risk of an identified hazard in the workplace can be further reduced by the use of PPE after all other methods of control have been employed – then PPE must be used.

# **Employers must ensure employees:**

- Are supplied with correct PPE
- Receive adequate PPE training
- ♦ Are aware of testing/maintenance requirements
- Are familiar with location/storage PPE
- Understand the limitations when using PPE
- Know replacement specifications
- Follow signs that instruct the use of PPE

#### **Employees must:**

- Use the PPE provided
- Follow instructions for use
- Maintain PPE in good condition
- Follow replacement specifications
- Adhere to safety signs

Safety Helmets





Eye Protection

**Hearing Protection** 





**Glove Protection** 

Steel Capped Boots





Clothing Protection

Respiratory Protection



# **MANUAL HANDLING**

#### **Definition**

"manual handling" means any activity requiring the use of force exerted by a person to lift, lower, push, pull, carry or otherwise move, hold or restrain a person, animal or thing.

# Manual handling injuries may result from:

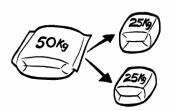
- Gradual wear and tear
- Sudden damage
- Direct trauma

# Injuries sustained from manual handling:

- Sprains
- Strains
- Hernias
- Cuts
- Fractures
- Back pain

## **MANUAL HANDLING TECHNIQUES**

Split large loads



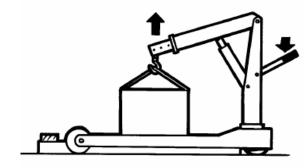
Store at right levels



Use leverage



Use equipment



Modification



#### **EQUIPMENT & TOOLS**

Equipment and tools are aids that you use in doing a task.

#### Types of equipment/tool include:

- **♦** Ladders
- Power tools
- Hand tools
- Scaffolding

# Equipment and tools should be:

- ♦ In good working order
- ♦ Right for the job
- Used in accordance with specifications
- Maintained and stored correctly

# **SMOKING, ALCOHOL & DRUGS**

Smoking is prohibited in 'enclosed workplaces' for general health reasons.

The presence of alcohol and drugs in the workplace creates problems for the <u>user</u>, <u>co-workers</u> and the <u>company</u>.

The use of alcohol and drugs can cause:

- death;
- injuries;
- damage to plant and equipment;
- lack of coordination;
- poor judgement;
- memory and concentration loss;
- reduced reaction times;
- behaviour changes:
- absenteeism;
- lateness to work; and
- reduced productivity.

#### Drugs can include:

- Prescribed medication
- Over the counter medications
- Illicit drugs

# **EVACUATION PLANS**

# Specify:

- Roles & responsibilities
- Exit routes
- Assembly points
- ♦ Re-entry criteria

# Employees should:

- Stay calm
- ♦ Follow instructions
- Put your safety first
- Report any injuries

## **WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Factors to consider include:

- Extreme heat
- Extreme cold
- Wind
- ♠ Rain
- ♦ What is the likely impact of extreme weather conditions?
- ♦ What actions need to be considered?
- ♦ What contingencies need to be put in place?
- ◆ Are their additional hazard controls that need to be included?

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS**

# THE WORK SITE:

- **♦**Signs and barriers
  - ♦ Workers & public
  - **▶** Directions
  - **▶** Danger
- ▲Lockout & tagging
  - Protect from hazards
  - Personal danger tags
  - Out of service tags

# **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS**

- **♦**Noise
  - Unwanted & annoying sounds
  - **♦**Continual
  - **♦**Intermittent
- **♦**Environmental protection
  - Airborne pollutants
  - Water contamination
  - **♦**Soil contamination

#### **CONFINED SPACE**

Entering a confined space can be extremely dangerous for workers.

<u>A CONFINED SPACE</u> is an enclosed or partially enclosed space which is not intended or designed primarily as a workplace.

#### Confined spaces can:

- ♦ Accumulate gas, vapours, dust and fumes
- ◆Become oxygen deficient
- ◆Collapse

#### Safe practice requires:

- ♦ Recognising the hazards
- ♦Understanding the physical hazards
- ◆Comply with the law
- ◆Developing a confined space entry plan
- ♦Implement control measures

#### **WORK AT HEIGHTS**

Many work operations are conducted above ground level or the workplace floor, on roof tops, ladders, work platforms, ledges, vertical faces etc.

# Increase in the risk of a fall:

- sudden acceleration or deceleration
- moving from one surface to another
- inadequate capability of the surface supporting a load
- openings or holes that are not protected
- open edges are not protected
- change of levels
- loss of hand grip
- slippery surfaces

#### Safe practice requires:

- erecting a physical barrier
- providing personal fall protection; and
- measures to catch a person after they have fallen

# PREVENTION OF FALLS

- Ensure holes & openings are covered
- Display suitable signs to inform people
- Maintain good housekeeping
- Install adequate edge protection
- ♦ Be aware of brittle and fragile surfaces
- Anchor ladders
- Select the correct type of PPE and fall arrest systems
- Ensure correct anchors are used for fall arrest systems
- Ensure regular maintenance of all PPE

#### **ELECTRICAL SAFETY**

#### Injuries from electricity include:

- Electric shock and death
- Burn injuries
- Electricity can throw a person (impact)
- Fire and explosion
- Exit injuries

#### Common causes of injuries:

- Faulty equipment
- Overloading power boards
- Contact with overhead wires
- Electricity and water contact

#### **Electrical Safety:**

- Checking condition of cords/plugs/switches
- Use of residual current devices (RCD);
- Reporting faulty or outdated equipment
- Not over loading power boards
- Keeping electrical cords tidy
- Ensuring electrical cords, appliances and switches are well away from water
- Not tampering with equipment
- Stay well clear of fallen power lines

#### HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE MANAGEMENT

#### What are hazardous substances?

Hazardous substances are <u>chemicals</u> and <u>other substances</u> that can affect your health, causing illness or disease. They may be **solvents**, **pesticides**, **paints**, **adhesives**, **petroleum products**, **heavy metals** or any other substances.

Hazardous substances can take many forms - **liquids**, **solids**, **vapours**, **gases**, **fumes** or **dusts**.

As a minimum, the employer should ensure that employees are able to identify the following information from labels or MSDS:

- (a) Signal word(s)
- (b) Risk label(s)
- (c) Product name(s)
- (d) Risk phrase(s)
- (e) Safety phrase(s)
- (f) First aid procedures,
- (g) Safe handling information
- (h) Caution or warning statements or word(s)

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