

Risk Management

Life is more risk management, rather than exclusion of risks. – Walter Wriston

What it is

Identifying and controlling work-related health and safety risks, particularly those that have the potential to cause people serious injury or illness.

Why do it

A healthy and safe workplace starts with identifying and understanding what your work-related health and safety risks are and taking all reasonably practicable steps to eliminate or, where they can't be eliminated, minimise the risks. If we don't challenge unsafe work conditions and practices, we are effectively accepting them.

How to do it

- ▶ At the planning stage walk around the skid site or block to identify what could threaten the health or safety of your workers and others, either immediately or over a long period
- ▶ Involve workers in identifying and assessing these risks
- ▶ Focus your attention initially on risks that could cause permanent injury or illness, or death
- ▶ Work out which risks to control by asking the likely consequences of being exposed to the identified risk and the probability that people could be harmed
- ▶ Review your current control measures, and evaluate whether they are managing the risk
- ▶ Review work activities on an ongoing basis to identify any new risks that need to be managed
- ▶ Consider whether your workers' general health could affect their ability to work safely (e.g., reduced mobility, existing illness or injury)
- ▶ Identify any unsafe work practices that are being ignored
- ▶ Explore why this happens (e.g., lack of knowledge or skills, lack of gear, pressure to get the job done, poor attitude)
- ▶ Discuss and agree suitable ways of dealing with these circumstances.

Track it

Use the following checklist to track whether your risk management practices are on track or need action.

In our crew/team, we...	Seldom	Sometimes	Always
Are involved in assessing unsafe and unhealthy work conditions			
Eliminate or minimise identified risks			
Stop work when conditions change			
Challenge unsafe or unhealthy work behaviours			
	Urgent action required	Action required	On the right track

Remember...

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