
Safety on the Job Is Everyone's Business

Worker Responsibilities

- Know and follow health and safety requirements affecting your job.
- If you don't know how to do something safely, ask for training before you begin work.
- Work safely, and encourage your co-workers to do the same.
- Correct any unsafe conditions or immediately report them to your supervisor.
- Immediately report any injury to a first aid attendant or supervisor.
- Take the initiative. Make suggestions to improve health and safety.

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Supervisor Responsibilities

- Instruct workers in safe work procedures.
- Train workers for all tasks assigned to them, and check that their work is being done safely.
- Ensure that only authorized, adequately trained workers operate tools and equipment or use hazardous chemicals.
- Ensure that equipment and materials are properly handled, stored, and maintained.
- Enforce health and safety requirements.
- Correct unsafe acts and conditions.
- Identify workers with problems that could affect safety at the worksite. Follow up with interviews and referrals where necessary.
- Formulate health and safety rules and inspect the workplace for hazards.

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Employer Responsibilities

- Provide a safe and healthy workplace.
- Ensure that workers are adequately trained.
- Keep written records of training (who, what, when).
- Establish and maintain a comprehensive occupational health and safety program, including a written health and safety policy and an incident investigation procedure.
- Support supervisors, safety co-ordinators, and workers in their health and safety activities.
- Take action immediately when a worker or supervisor tells you about a potentially hazardous situation.
- Initiate an immediate investigation into incidents.
- Report serious incidents to WorkSafeBC.
- Provide adequate first aid facilities and services.
- Provide personal protective equipment where required.