

# Health & Safety in the Workplace

*The catastrophic results of failure to effectively manage health & safety in the workplace are a regular news feature*

No manager willingly risks the life, health & safety of staff; but many have to face the harrowing experience and expensive consequences of a lack of foresight, planning or management of risks. Substantial fines are levied for failure to manage serious risk; and jail for responsible managers can be the consequence of a serious accident.



The management of occupational health and safety comprises risk identification and the adequate control of practices, situations and environments. It is not sufficient for staff to be safety conscious - there must also be a *system* supporting them which provides facilities, equipment and practices which are conducive to a safer working environment.

Using either *AS/NZS 4801* or *SafetyMAP\** [both containing a well recognised set of criteria ] you can:

- *identify* safety issues which must be managed through a system
- *audit* procedures and practices, at management and operational levels

P-E Handley-Walker can help you to manage risk by:

- conducting a review of the current system, practices and environment in which people work
- guiding staff in the development of a practical, documented system, based on *SafetyMAP* or *AS/NZS 4801* (or other models if preferred)

*If you have an established system;*

P-E Handley Walker also offers training (suitable for new staff, or staff with new roles) in:

- documenting and implementing systems
- understanding SafetyMAP/AS/NSZ 4801
- internal auditing skills

Training is also available in;

- understanding the OHS Act & Regulations
- understanding Material Safety Data Sheets
- Hazardous Substances, Dangerous Goods
- Poisons Schedule (SUSMP)
- Duty of Care
- risk management



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- guiding staff in the implementation of the system
- coaching staff to audit the system and practices

\* developed by WorkSafe Victoria

Our accredited course trainers hold Certificate IV in Training & Assessment TAA40104 (or equivalent).



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