# Template: Work health and safety policy

*<remove this section once your policy is complete>*

The following template is a starting point for you to create a work health and safety policy. It can be changed as needed to suit your specific needs.

Included in each section are prompts to <insert> information. Simply replace the words in red with the information requested. Some sections give prompts to <remove/add/delete as applicable>.

After you have developed your policy, it is a good idea to circulate it to employees for comment. You could do this through your employee intranet site, email distribution list or written memo. Remember to include employees who do not have regular access to internet and email (for example, remote field or maintenance employees).

Once the policy is finalised and signed off by senior management, all employees should receive a copy. The policy should also be included in any orientation material that is given to new employees.

When writing a policy, we recommend you check other sources including codes of practice and Australian Standards:

* WorkSafe Tasmania: [worksafe.tas.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.tas.gov.au)
* Safe Work Australia: [safeworkaustralia.gov.au](http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au)
* Standards Australia: [saiglobal.com](file:///C:\Users\egyler\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\CRSRSRF9\saiglobal.com)

For more information work health and safety see:

* <https://www.worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/Health-and-Safety>

# Work health and safety policy for <insert organisation name>

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| Goals | |
| <insert organisation name>:   * Is to provide a workplace that is free from risks to health and safety by implementing the highest possible standards to protect workers’ health, safety, mental and social wellbeing. * Is to engage and consult with all workers and others affected by our business or undertakings to ensure hazards are identified and the risks associated with them removed or reduced to the greatest degree. * Is to create a workplace environment where workers and others affected by our business or undertakings are encouraged and supported to raise health and safety issues and help reduce and manage them. | |
| Obligations | |
| <insert organisation name> is firmly committed to a policy enabling all work activities to be carried out safely, and with all possible measures taken to remove (or at least reduce) risks to the health, safety and welfare of employees, contractors, authorised visitors, and anyone else who may be affected by our business or undertakings.  We are committed to ensuring we comply with the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*, the *Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022*, relevant Codes of Practice and relevant Australian Standards. | |
| Scope | |
| This policy applies to:   * all employees at <insert organisation name>. | |
| Responsibilities | |
| **Management**  Management will ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of:   * all workers engaged, or caused to be engaged by us * all workers whose activities in carrying out work are influenced or directed by us * other people, by ensuring they are not put at risk from work carried out as part of our business undertakings.   Management will also:   * provide and maintain a work environment free from risks to health and safety * provide and maintain safe plant (equipment), structures and safe systems of work * ensure the safe use, handling and storage of plant (equipment), structures and substances * provide adequate facilities for the welfare of workers in carrying out work * provide any information, training, instruction or supervision that is necessary to protect all people from risks to their health and safety arising from work activities * ensure that the health of workers and the conditions at the workplace are monitored for the purpose of preventing illness or injury of workers arising from our business * consult with workers on all matters relating to health and safety.   **Workers**  While at work, our workers must:   * take reasonable care for their own health and safety * take reasonable care that what they do, or what they do not do, does not adversely affect the health and safety of other people * comply (so far as they are reasonably able to) with any reasonable instruction given by management * co-operate with any reasonable policy or procedure for work health or safety that has been communicated to them * not misuse or interfere with anything provided for work health and safety * report all incidents and near misses immediately, no matter how trivial * engage in consultation with management to identify, assess and control hazards and the effectiveness of such controls * report all known or observed hazards to their supervisor or manager. | |
| Applying this policy | |
| <insert organisation name> seek the co-operation of all workers, contractors, visitors and others whom may be affected by our business or undertakings.  We encourage and support suggestions to create a safe working environment as a result of all possible preventative measures being taken.  This policy applies to all business operations and functions, including those situations where workers are required to work off-site. | |
| Monitoring and review | |
| <insert organisation name> will review this policy annually, in consultation with workers:   * to assess the effectiveness of the policy * by reviewing our overall health and safety performance * by monitoring the effectiveness of policies and procedures. | |
| Communicating this policy | |
| This policy (and related procedures) shall be displayed in <insert organisation name> workplace/s.  All workers, contractors and others affected by our business or undertakings will be provided with a copy through their manager/supervisor.  New workers will be provided with a copy as part of their induction. | |
| Relevant legislation | |
| * *Work Health and Safety Act 2012* * *Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022* | |
| Authorised | |
| Name <for example, health and wellbeing co-ordinator>: | Manager <for example, general manager>: |
| Signature: | Signature: |
| Date: | Date: |
| Date of next review: | |