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10 Workplace Safety tips to share with your employees

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Anyone who runs a business knows how important workplace safety is. Nobody wants someone to get hurt on the job, right? Keeping employees safe is paramount to creating a healthy workplace environment that they will enjoy working in. It also makes sense to ensure that your safe and healthy workplace is up to par with regards to local regulations and standards. One of the institutions that create such rules and regulations is Workplace Health and Safety (WHS), often referred to as Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S). They're responsible for the assessment and migration of risks that may impact the health, safety or welfare of those in your workplace.

Every business owner needs to comply with these legal requirements to ensure that their workplace is safe for everyone – from employees to customers, visitors, contractors, volunteers and even suppliers.

Aside from complying with legal requirements, workplace safety is also critical for the long-term success of any business. A safe workplace helps:

- **■**retai**■** staff
- ■maximise productivity
- ■mi∎imise employee injury and illnesses
- ■mi■imise sick leaves and absenteeism
- ■reduce the costs of injury and workers' compensation
- ■meet legal responsibilities and employee obligations

There's always something you can do to make sure that all your employees go home looking and feeling as great as when they started the day.

Here are a few tips on workplace safety you might also want to share with your team.

- 1. Keep every corner clean, organised, and clutter-free
- 2. Use mats on slippery floors
- 3. Store combustible materials properly
- 4. Ensure proper training when handling equipment or machinery
- 5. Provide clothes appropriate for tasks
- 6. Clearly label designated hazardous zones
- 7. Provide first aid training
- 8. Implement emergency procedures
- 9. Have an ergonomic workplace
- 10. Use mechanical aids for lifting and transportation