

Waikato Safety Liaison Group meeting

Friday 22 February 2019 at 12.30pm - Site Safe Offices 67A Seddon Road

Present:

Rodger Hollins (Site Safe), Chris Jobson (SiteSafe), Karen Goodburn (WSF), Kim Wihare (LBL), Grant Wharry (Downey), Karl Emslie (Edge Protection), Kevin Lindsay (Stride), David Holmes (Transformation Ltd), Wayne Kirk (LBL), Hiren Sheth (SafetynAction)

Apologies:

Gary Lightfoot (WSF), Sandra Williams (WorkSafe), Brent Austin (WorkSafe), Lisa Taylor (ACC), Annette MacKenzie (Placemakers), Mark Sweeney (Gibson) – (Had an e-mail from Mark at 12.12pm, which I had missed).

Apologies Accepted

Welcome

- Health & Safety - Site Safe Venue

Minutes of previous meeting – Accepted

Matters arising?

- Clarification from December 2018 meeting – Davis Sopp WorkSafe update
Consultations for the 1995 regulations are in the process of being updated as the regulations under the old H & S Employment Act are still current.

Focus Group Presentation

- Hazardous Substances presentation not available
- Another interesting idea would be a Police photographer / serious crash investigator

ACC Update – Lisa Taylor

- Not Available

SiteSafe Update

- Chris Jobson – First draft of Construction Suicide rates (Current & Historical) will be available in March – Brett Murray will be giving an update on this and other issues at our next meeting on the 3rd of May 2019
- Also discussed
 - Vertical Leaders group – Akl, Chch & Wellington – looking at a possible BOP/Waikato Group for consistency of PPE, Contractor Prequals etc
 - SiteSafe are reviewing their courses
 - New Passport Plus course
 - New certificate program – Construction Site Safety – NZQA Level 3 H & S
 - Some courses available translated
 - A new person being recruited for Waikato area for better support & help for Rodger
- Grant added that the Mental Health Foundation has some new material that can be added to Toolboxes –

- https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/home/our-work/items/18/?utm_source=MHF%20web%20banner&utm_campaign=Working%20Well%20Resource%203
- Kim also mentioned "Gumboot Day" – NZ herald Article - https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12205523

WorkSafe Update

- Nothing available

WSLG Around the table:

- Karl – clients have major issues with "Cowboy" roof painters – getting the work as their pricing is cheap but they are not using the correct edge protection or harnessing
 - A lengthy discussion was held on this issue
 - Karl will look into it a bit further to clarify a few things.
 - E-mail from Karl to Client has been attached
 - A point was made that there is a difference between Fall Arrest & Fall Restraint

The main **difference** between **arrest** and **restraint** is an "**arrest**" occurs after a person freefalls through space. In other words, the system stops a worker's **fall** that has already occurred, preventing impact at a lower level. In a **fall restraint** system, however, the worker is restrained from reaching a **fall** hazard.

Fall Arrest vs. Fall Restraint – SafetyAtWorkBlog

<https://safetyatworkblog.com/2011/07/24/fall-arrest-vs-fall-restraint/>

- A few other suggestions were made to try and educate Landlords on their responsibilities as PCBU's (a lot of them just do not know)
- Citizens Advice Bureau
<http://www.cab.org.nz/vat/hle/rt/Pages/Rightsobligationsoftenantslandlords.aspx>
- Dave Sopp added that they are having the same issues with Scaffolders
- Kim Wihare also added that they have their own policy regarding harnesses
 - Only acceptable if in an EWP or scaffold
 - Fall arrest plan must be approved by LBL
 - Must have a rescue kit AND know how to use it
- There is a shortage of roofers at the moment and therefore a lack of supervising skills
- WorkSafe are overloaded and there seems to be a relaxation on response and follow up
 - Although there has been a tightening up on Hazardous Substances and a focus on Heat Stress
 - Lack of resources and funding
- Re Hazardous substances
 - E-mail from Hiren at Safety n Action also attached
 - SnA are also happy to host H & S meetings at their training facility in Hamilton
- Grant suggested if Safety n Action could give an overview of responsibilities and requirements on Hazardous substances as there is a lot of confusion
- Dave also mentioned the new topic of the Vocational Education Training – One National Polytec and no ITO's

- Have your say - <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/reform-of-vocational-education/> - click on the Have Your Say button
- Trades Guides on BCITO website link below
 - <https://bcito.org.nz/employers-industry/health-safety-whats-new/>
 - Request from Grant Wharry
 - If anyone has a construction pre-start form or a prompt sheet to send to new subbies, please send it to him
 - Also a question – what level of risk / tasks do you require a T/A / JSA?
 - Suggestion – if outside of normal criteria
 - Other suggestions for H & S – Safe Plus Survey – online - <https://online.safeplus.nz/>
 - WorkSafe – process – Investigation guides - <https://worksafe.govt.nz/laws-and-regulations/operational-policy-framework/regulatory-function-policies/investigations-policy/>

General Business:

- None

Meeting closed at 2.10pm