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Workplace Health Improvement Practice

WORKPLACE INSPECTIONS – OUTSIDE ENVIRONMENTS (Playgrounds/Equipment/Sports Fields) 23 May 2011

REFERENCE:

OHS&W Act 1986 Sections 20 and 21 and Section 59
OHS&W 2010 Regulation number 20 and 21
CSH&WSA Document No. 14 – Hazard Management Procedure
CSH&WSA Form 14E – Workplace Inspection Forms

OBJECTIVE:

To ensure worksites fulfill their requirement to develop Workplace Inspection Forms that reflect the localised and specific nature of their playgrounds, sports fields, outside environments and any related equipment to improve their practices for managing Health & Safety.

BACKGROUND:

The WorkCover Evaluation conducted in 2009 identified Hazard Management as being a key area for further developing effective systems for the management of Workplace Health & Safety. One area identified as needing specific 'customisation' was the workplace inspection tools. These forms were very generic and would not serve their purpose unless sites further developed these forms by identifying the nature of the local activities or environments including equipment and structures. E.g. playgrounds/sports fields etc

ACTIONS:

- Identify work areas and the related tasks/activities and equipment used
- Develop questions for inclusion on inspection forms which require a physical inspection and a written response as to the area/equipments status
- Implement a process for the timely collation of information
- Determine effective controls through consultation and Risk Assessment
- Implement controls and monitor effectiveness through staff meetings and or OHS Committee meetings
- Update site level hazard register, action plans or maintenance registers

FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE or FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YOUR OHS CONSULTANT

Useful Link: <http://www.decs.sa.gov.au/hrhealthsafety/pages/ohsms/inspection/>
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