



# Workplace Safety Tips

**Guide to Prevention & Compliance** 

#### 7 Workplace Safety Tips – Your Guide to Prevention & Compliance

At Brady, our specialty is ensuring your compliance obligations are fulfilled. Our experienced team has access to current knowledge of relevant standards, legislation and codes of practice.

Inside this guide you will find easy to use Workplace Safety Tips. These guidelines can help you reduce injuries in your workplace and meet specific regulatory and compliance requirements. A continued focus on workplace safety allows companies to experience improvements in operational efficiencies plus much more.

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### **1. Control Hazardous Energy**

Each year a number of workers are killed or injured due to the unintentional release of hazardous energy sources. Numerous incidents could have been prevented with a clearly documented hazardous energy control program.

Lockout/Tagout procedures are the most commonly used among workplaces to reduce exposure to hazardous energy. An effective program should include a checklist that allows workers to quickly move through the steps without confusion. Key program elements include: employees and their safety, energy



source identification and isolation steps, documentation, regular employee training and usage of correct lockout/tagout tools and devices.

**Brady's** selection of lockout/tagout products help to facilitate an effective hazardous energy control program that can prevent potentially fatal injuries in your workplace.

To learn more about hazardous energy control programs download our lockout tagout brochure or check our LOTO training video. www.bradyeurope.com



## 2. Display Visual Communication

Research shows that people gain 75% of what they know visually. Visual communication tools prevent injuries and ensure staff and visitors are aware of possible dangers and protective equipment requirements for designated work areas.



Undertake an audit of your workplace and identify potential hazardous areas. Then consider the people (employees, visitors) who would enter these areas. Also determine the most effective communication tools for your environment that attract attention and prompt action. Placement of your visual tools should easily locate potential hazardous areas and alert people to proceed with caution.

**Brady** solutions are essential tools for creating a visual workplace. Our product range includes: labelling systems, floor marking solutions, stock and custom signs, labels, tags and more.

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#### **3. Assess Workplace First Aid**

All workplaces are required to have appropriate first aid equipment available and accessible for all employees. Suitable workplace first aid allows you to be prepared for emergencies and potentially reduce severity of injuries.



A periodic assessment schedule of your workplace first aid equipment will allow you to identify hazards and determine typical injuries or illness that may require rapid treatment. The assessment should also consider number of employees and work area design as first aid should be easily accessible and available within minutes of the injury location. First aid is also required on board mobile workplaces (vehicles).

**Brady** can help you comply with workplace legislation and guidelines and ensure you have proper first aid coverage for specific risks that exist in your workplace.

Our experts can assist with your workplace safety & compliance concerns.



### 4. Reduce Working at Height Hazards

The key concerns linked to working at height safety relates to falls (person or object), equipment maintenance and safe access to elevated work areas. Risk minimisation and injury prevention is vital for working at height activities.



The implementation of Safe Work procedures for working at height activities should focus on hazard reduction. The procedure should include hazard identification, risk assessment, corrective action (eliminate or control risk), safe operating guidelines and process review. Periodic testing and repair of working at height equipment and usage of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is also crucial.

Our visual tagging range offers a unique set of advantages in managing safety equipment maintenance within your workplace. Our comprehensive range can be used for most working at height applications.

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### **5. Prevent Arc Flash Injuries**

Arc flash is a short circuit through air that flashes over from one exposed live conductor to another conductor or to ground. Electrical equipment should be marked with arc flash warnings to prevent fatal injuries.



Arc flash has the potential to cause substantial damage, fire or injury. Clearly visible and legible warning labels should be positioned in the arc flash hazard zone to prevent injuries. Other prevention measures include appropriate usage of arc flash personal protective equipment (PPE), remote equipment operation or reconfiguration of electrical equipment.

**Brady** printers can be used to produce your own arc flash labels giving employees enhanced, equipment-specific information to help minimise risk in your workplace.

To learn more about printers possibilites for custom labelling, go on www.bradyeurope.com



### 6. Identify Hazardous Materials

Several varieties of hazardous materials are frequently used in the workplace. According to work health and safety regulations hazardous chemicals used, handled or stored at the workplace must be correctly labelled.



Carry out a review of all hazardous materials that are located around your worksite. Was it easy to identify potentially harmful materials? Hazardous chemical labels aid easy identification of substance classification. Current safety data sheets (SDS) for hazardous chemicals should also be available to communicate hazard information to employees, customers and emergency responders.

Brady offers a product customisation service to suit the individual requirements of your workplace and help you meet local regulatory requirements.

Our experts can assist with your workplace safety & compliance concerns. To learn more visit our website **www.bradyeurope.com** 

#### 7. Promote Work Health & Safety

Effective communication plays an important part in the protection of workers from harm in the workplace. Create a safety culture within your organisation that positively motivates employees and improves productivity. Other safety culture benefits include: reduced lost-time injuries, a continual focus on risk-minimisation, personnel skill building and workplace compliance.

**Brady** can help to ensure that your workplace regulatory and compliance obligations are fulfilled. We appreciate that your specific workplace has unique operational requirements and we have a broad range of workplace safety & compliance solutions available. To learn more visit our website www.bradyeurope.com Africa Randburg, South Africa Tel.: +27 11 704 3295 Email: africa@bradycorp.com

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