



Fact Sheet

Federal Safety Commissioner's Safety Principles

The Federal Safety Commissioner has issued Safety Principles with accompanying Guidance to encourage a level of commitment to safety that goes beyond complying with legislative requirements, and demonstrates a real commitment to sustained improvement in OHS outcomes.

Principle 1

Industry participants should demonstrate a tangible commitment to developing a safety culture within their companies and across the building and construction industry.

Principle 2

Clients should demonstrate OHS leadership at all stages of the construction process by acting as exemplars in their relationships with other industry participants.

Principle 3

Industry participants should strive to develop cooperative business relationships to ensure that time, cost and quality objectives do not compromise a commitment to OHS.

Principle 4

Industry participants should ensure that safe design and constructability is considered at the planning and procurement stages to reduce or eliminate hazards and control risks before construction commences.

Principle 5

Industry participants should ensure that effective consultation and communication arrangements are in place so that all parties are aware of OHS considerations and of their responsibilities.

Principle 6

Industry participants should ensure that a systematic approach is taken to the management of OHS risks and hazards.

Principle 7

Industry participants should ensure they maintain effective OHS measures across the construction project life cycle and are able to respond to changes in the construction environment.

Principle 8

Industry participants should monitor, report and benchmark OHS at the site, project and company levels to improve and compare OHS performance.

For further information you can:

- visit the FSC website at fsc.gov.au
- contact the FSC Assist Line on **1800 652 500**
- contact the OFSC via email at ofsc@deewr.gov.au

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