

Newsletter – February 2019

Ensuring you get home safely to your family is such an important part of your work life. As many of our workplaces involve machinery, now is a great time to consider how you interact with it. As part of our ongoing commitment to all our candidates, we aim to keep you informed with relevant information and in addition to our regular updates via social media. Please feel free to contact us directly with your thoughts or suggestions for future editions.

Machinery and Equipment Safety

Safety is everyone's business and both you and your workplace need to consider both mechanical and non-mechanical hazards which may impact you as you go about your work. Ensure that you have completed a safety induction and are familiar with each site. You need to consider your environment, experience and potential risks. Risks would have been assessed and minimised where possible by the business. Your personal responsibility includes use of correct and clean PPE like hi-vis, earplugs, safety glasses, steel cap shoes, keeping to marked walkways and obeying signs and directions where required.

Mechanical Hazards

When assessing machinery and equipment for possible mechanical hazards, consider:

- machinery and equipment with moving parts that can be reached by people
- machinery and equipment that can eject objects (parts, components, products or waste items) that may strike and cause significant harm
- machinery and equipment with moving parts that can reach people, such as booms or mechanical appendages (arms)
- mobile machinery and equipment, such as forklifts, pallet jacks, earthmoving equipment, operated in areas where people may gain access.

Non-mechanical Hazards

Non-mechanical hazards include harmful emissions, fluids or gas under pressure, chemicals and their by-products, electricity and noise which, if not properly controlled and protected against, can cause long term illness.

If you have any questions about your site and safety, please contact your host employer or us for clarification.

Remember, prevention is far better than cure. For more in-depth information around machinery and equipment safety, refer to Office of Industrial Relations [Guide to Machinery and Equipment Safety](#).



Candidate of the Month

Vaughan Reihana
CONGRATULATIONS!



Thank you for your continuous
hard work and dedication.
Congratulations to Daniel Parker and Shannon
Vaughan who were also nominated.
From the Edge Team

What's happening on Social Media

Edge Personnel pride ourselves on being a safety conscious and ensuring all of our team members working onsite are in safe working conditions. We have found a small section focussing on Operating a Forklift safely from Worksafe's website. If you are ever unsure onsite it is important to ask your supervisor or step away and phone our office and speak with a consultant.

For more information, click: [Operating Forklift trucks safely](#)



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