

Newsletter – February 2019

Ensuring our staff get home safely to their families is such an important part of our 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 clients, 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 candidates and your workplace need to consider the risks of both mechanical and non-mechanical hazards. Ensure that you complete a safety induction with new starters. You need to consider their experience and potential risks as well as annual formal WHS assessments. Potential machinery and equipment risks should have been assessed and minimised where possible by the business. Candidates also have personal responsibility including the use of correct and clean PPE, ensuring safe walkways, clear signage and directions where required. Maybe take some time this week to do an informal audit and consider your workplace environment with fresh eyes.

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 cur. 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.

Please continue to nominate and give great workers
some acknowledgement. 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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