

Safety initiatives to implement immediately

The Surface Mining and Quarry Association of South Africa, ASPASA, believes that more needs to be done by all stakeholders within the industry to meet zero harm targets.

This also applies in New Zealand, where our safety statistics tell us we are still putting far too many workers and others at risk of harm in our workplaces.

Just recently:

- a worker slipped on a conveyor belt & hit his head on a carrier roller causing concussion
- a dump truck operator was driving with his hoist up when he collided with overhead bins
- a worker strained his calf while attempting to move/adjust a conveyor belt, and
- when a shot was fired, the back holes ‘climbed’ over the front holes and spilled onto the road adjoining a quarry, causing rock to cover one lane of the road.



The following are safety initiatives that you can implement immediately as identified by ASPASA:

1. Stop talking about safety – **focus on risk**
2. Stop telling! – practice the art of inquiry and have **real conversations**
3. **Don't delegate** health and safety to a department
4. Include all levels of **management**
5. Instil and maintain a good **compliance culture**
6. Provide **real training**
7. Do a gap analysis between **how safety** is planned and **implemented**
8. **Never use safety as a weapon**, threat, punishment or excuse
9. **Managers must be leaders**, not safety managers

Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

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