

Hazards

REPORT ALL HAZARDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS HELPS TO PREVENT INCIDENTS AND REDUCE THE RISK OF INJURIES



What is a Hazard?

An object or situation that has the potential to harm a person, the environment or cause damage to property.

What should I do if I see a hazard?

If possible and it is safe to do so, fix the hazard. Report what you have seen and done to your Supervisor.



**SAFETY
FIRST**

**REPORT ALL
UNSAFE CONDITIONS
TO YOUR SUPERVISOR**

Types of Hazards

- Confined Spaces
- Weather Conditions
- Sharp Objects
- Mobile Equipment e.g. Bobcat, Loader
- Heavy Loads
- Uneven or Slippery surfaces
- Electricity
- Working at Heights e.g. ladders, roofs
- Hazardous Machinery
- Fatigue, Illness, Stress
- Fumes, Chemicals

If you see something dangerous, Report It!

Hazards – Q & A

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What are some ways to identify Hazards?

- 5 Senses – See, Touch, Hear, Taste, Smell
- Risk Assessment
- Knowledge – Yours, Workmates, Supervisors, Others
- Workplace Inspections

What are some Hazards in your work area? *(Supervisors discuss ways specific to your work group)*

E.g. Exposure to unguarded or unprotected equipment, Loose / Wet surface, Objects on the floor, Blocked walkways, Poor design or layout of work area, Uneven surfaces, Repetitive movement, Awkward / Sustained Postures, Vibration, Inadequate Lighting, Temperature extremes, Humidity extremes, Exposure to sunlight / UV radiation, Chemical storage, Threat of insect or animal bites, Violence in the workplace, Working alone, No procedures, Bullying and harassment, Fatigue, Untrained personnel, Shift work.

How can we control Hazards?

- Fix or remove it – Pick it up, store it correctly, or repair it - if it is safe to do so.
- Barricade with Caution or Danger tape, Hard Barricading or Cyclone Fencing – use a spotter if required whilst setting up barricading.
- Tag Out of Service – detail the hazard for others to be aware of and inform your supervisor
- Isolation – lock machinery or equipment with padlocks so it cant be operated.

What should you do if you see a Hazard?

1. If it's safe and practical to do so fix or control it e.g. rolling up a hose, removing a trip hazard, clearing stuff away from an exit/fire extinguisher.
2. Report it to your Supervisor and complete a Hazard Report Form, email it to WHS@ropergulf.nt.gov.au Hazard forms are available on the RGRC website, SharePoint, or from your Supervisor.

Why should we report Hazards?

Reporting hazards enables us to fix problems before someone gets hurt. Roper Gulf WHS policy requires employees to report all hazards.