

DON'T TAKE THE RISK

Spotted something unsafe? Speak up and protect your mates.

Having a chat can be the best way to create a safe and happy worksite.

Poor communication can contribute to an unsafe or uncomfortable working environment:

- There is greater risk from not knowing how to do a task safely if you don't discuss it before you start working on it.
- Not talking through things also risks issues concerning perceived harassment and bullying or discrimination in the workplace not being raised or dealt with.

Good communication is essential for people to work as a team. Talking together helps:

- Get in place good practices to ensure everyone is working safely as a team.
- People get along and work better with each other.

It only takes a minute to talk before you work and avoid hurting yourself or someone else.

- Routinely ask and talk about safety, both before, during and after work activities. Toolbox meetings are a great place to bring up your thoughts.
- Got an Idea or Having a Problem? - don't leave it for another day, discuss it sooner rather than later as someone's safety or wellbeing may be at risk.
- Safe ways of doing things, ideas to be considered, barriers to teamwork as well as problem solving and grievances all need to be given an opportunity to be communicated.
- Who Do I Speak To? - The immediate person concerned should be your first point of contact.

If you do not feel safe, don't do it. Simply stop and speak with your employer, host trainer or field officer.

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