When am I at risk in the workplace?

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When an incident or injury happens there are typically several factors which led it to occur, these could include poor house-keeping, faulty machinery, lack of training or an unsafe method of operation.

Other factors which can also contribute to injuries include those associated with the worker: Rushing and taking short cuts, Frustration, Fatigue, Complacency, Inattention and new or inexperienced workers.

In these states you will find that your eyes & mind are not focused on the task, you loose balance, control, traction, grip or find yourself in the line of fire and **ultimately at risk of getting injured.**

By being aware of the risk factors (environment, personal, equipment etc.) you can consciously make a decision to take action and prevent an incident or injury. You need to ask yourself have I "assessed the risks" associated with this task and is this the "safest way" to perform it?

REMEMBER - Safety is a shared responsibility in the workplace!

Your employer must ensure the environment and system of work is safe. One of your main responsibilities as an employee is to use your brain. It can sometimes be the difference between you going home safe or going to the hospital injured.

If you think "something doesn't seem right" or "isn't safe" you are usually right!

Stop immediately - **Assess the risks** - **Take appropriate action** to eliminate or minimise the risks by using the hierarchy of control.

Talk to your site supervisor and your IRP consultant about any safety concerns you have before it's too late! IRP – 9477 7999

THE HIERARCHY OF CONTROL

- Eliminate the Hazard
- Substitute the Hazard
- Isolate the Hazard
- Use Engineering Controls
- Use Administrative Controls
- Use Personal Protective Equipment

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