# **Health and Safety Policy**



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# **Amendment Record**

Version	Date	Changed By	<b>Version Comment</b>
1.0	10/07/2024	Rebecca Cammillare	Document Published
2.0	17/08/2024	Rebecca Cammillare	The following policy sections have been updated: Smoking in the Workplace Temporary Works Accident and Near Miss Reporting Design and Technology Dispensing and Administering Drugs Safe Systems of Work and Standard Operating Procedures Health and Safety Responsibilities- all 9 tiers Disciplinary Rules
3.0	24/08/2024	Admin Citation	Block titles updated to remove '2024 V2 NOT YET READY FOR USE'
4.0	25/10/2024	Admin Citation	Change made to the format of the Smoking section to allow it to display correctly on the contents page.
5.0	22/07/2025	Elaine Bagshaw	Annual Review

#### **Disclaimer**

This Health and Safety Policy has been developed by OHEAP Fire and Security in conjunction with Citation Ltd to discharge our legal duties and to ensure the well-being and safety of all individuals, who may be affected by our acts or omissions associated with our work activities. We recognise the paramount importance of creating and maintaining a safe and healthy working environment and which meets the requirements of relevant legislation.

We are fully committed to upholding the highest standards of health and safety across all our activities. We expect our employees and others who may work on our behalf to uphold this commitment to protect the health, safety and well-being of all those affected by our operations. This Policy will be communicated to our employees and other interested parties.

In order to ensure the health and safety policy is maintained effectively, it is essential that all references and information are up-to-date and accurate. Where changes occur within our business or enterprise e.g. the introduction of new processes or systems, or where there are organisational changes that impact on the health and safety responsibilities, a nominated representative will notify Citation Ltd to ensure that relevant changes are made.

For us to fulfil our statutory duties, employees are legally required to cooperate with management on all matters pertaining to health, safety, and welfare. We encourage all employees to inform management of any areas of the health and safety policy that they feel are inadequate or misrepresented to ensure that the policy is maintained as a true working document.

While Citation Ltd provides advice aligned with health and safety legislative frameworks, ultimate responsibility and accountability rest with OHEAP Fire and Security. This includes the identification and implementation of risk control measures, reinforcing our commitment to the health, safety, and welfare of our employees and all those affected by our actions.

### Health and safety management system

The law requires that employers have suitable arrangements in place to manage health and safety in their own and every workplace under their control workplaces. To support with this, OHEAP Fire and Security engaged the services of Citation Ltd.

As part of our commitment to good and effective health and safety management in our business we will regularly review our policy arrangements with our employees and with Citation and will make changes and improvements whenever needed.

This health and safety policy has been designed to be integrated with any formal management system that may be in place (e.g. ISO) and we'll monitor its effectiveness by following the widely recognised cycle of Plan, Do, Check, Act.

More guidance on this and the topics in this policy is available in Atlas, the Citation online platform. The "Useful Documents" area and sustainability hub are good places to start when looking for resources and guidance.

#### Health and safety policy statement

#### **Compliance and Commitment**

OHEAP Fire and Security commits to ensuring, as far as reasonably practicable, the health, safety, and welfare of our employees and others affected by our operations. We aim to:

- Control risks from work activities.
- Consult with employees on health and safety matters.
- Provide safe working conditions and equipment.
- Provide necessary training and supervision.
- Prevent accidents and health issues.
- Comply with relevant Health, Safety and Fire legislation.

#### **Director Responsibilities:**

- Implement and adapt the health and safety policy as needed.
- Ensure sufficient resources are allocated to meet safety objectives.

#### **Management Responsibilities:**

- Prioritise health and safety to prevent injuries and property damage.
- Protect all persons from foreseeable risks.

#### **Employees Duties and Consultation:**

- Employees are informed of their duties under this policy.
- Regular consultation with employees to integrate their feedback and improve safety practices.

#### **Systematic Safety Management**

We have implemented arrangements to support the effective implementation of this health and safety policy and we commit to:

- Identify hazards, assess risks, and determine control measures.
- Ensure all employees understand and follow the necessary safety procedures.
- Prepare emergency procedures, including evacuation in case of fire or other significant incidents, are clearly set out and communicated to all staff.

We regard all health and safety legislation as setting a minimum compliance standard which we aim to exceed wherever possible and we expect management to achieve their targets without compromising health and safety in any way

Position:

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