

MARCH SAFETY SEGMENTS: YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE



Health and safety committees (HSCs) are an integral part of the safety culture of any organization regardless of the organization's size or complexity. HSCs serve a vital purpose beyond being drivers of a healthy safety culture, they are stewards of the safety programs within the safety management system.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A SAFETY COMMITTEE

DIRECTIONS

Start out the discussion by asking if anyone knows the reasons for having a health and safety committee beyond being required by legislation. Watch the 7-minute video, [Health and safety Committees Are Critical - 5 Reasons Why Explained](#). After everyone is done, use the summary points and guiding question below to facilitate a group discussion.

SAFETY SEGMENT DISCUSSION

Summarize the video during the discussion with the following benefits a strong health and safety committee provides:

1. Strong safety committees boost and organization's safety culture through participation and representation of both workers and management.
2. Safety committees provide insight into the effectiveness of health and safety programs such as safe work procedures
3. Health and safety committees held to "lighten the safety load" by participating in safety management system activities such as hazard assessment review.

Guiding Question:

1. Have you thought of the safety committee as a vital part of a safety culture and the safety management system before watching the video?



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