



Risk Management Best Practice

Line of Business: All

Subject: Safety Management - Safety Policy Statements

Purpose:

The purpose of this best practice is to provide resources to assist with the development of safety policy statements.

The first step in the development of any effective safety program is the development of a safety policy statement. The primary purpose behind the establishment of the statement is to demonstrate top management's dedication to the prevention of employee and public incidents and accidents, and to set the overall tone for the creation and perpetuation of a safety oriented culture. When developing a safety policy statement, the following should be considered:

- Tailor the policy statement to the specific organization.
- Address all areas of safety, including employees and the public.
- A signature from top management should be part of the statement.
- The statement needs to be distributed and made accessible to all employees.
- Consideration should be given to posting a statement on the public entity website to demonstrate the commitment to the prevention of accidents involving the public.

Resources and References:

Example Safety and Health Policy Statements - OSHA

https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/safetyhealth/mod4_tools_policy.html

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