

ACTIVITY: SAFETY AND HEALTH LAWS FINDING INFORMATION IN THE ACT

Research short answer

Resources:

- Copy of the *Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984*, available from WorkSafe's website at www.docep.wa.gov.au or for purchase from WorkSafe - telephone (08) 9327 8777.

Task:

- Refer to the *Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984* and individually complete the **Worksheet**. Use the "Arrangement" to find the relevant section of the Act.

For your information:

"Arrangement" means the way the contents of the Act are set out. It is like an index. The Act is divided into "parts", and the paragraphs or clauses are numbered and called

1. In your own words describe the first four objects of the Act?

2. What is the year of the Act?

3. How many parts are there in the Act?

4. How many sections are there in the Act?

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5. What is the Section of the Act called that has definitions of some words used in the Act?

6. What is the definition given in the Act of the following words?

Workplace: _____

Hazard: _____

Risk: _____

Employee: _____

7. Which of the following people are NOT employees under the Act? (Hint: Read Section 4 and the definition of an employee).

forklift operator

student not working

construction worker

miner

farmer

apprentice

hospital volunteer

teacher

shop assistant

nurse

State government employee

8. What do Sections 37 and 38 relate to?

9. What is the name and number of the last section of the Act?

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10. According to Section 19 of the Act, what must a person starting a new business provide and maintain for employees in his/her company?

11. In your own words describe what Section 19 (3) of the Act requires employers to do.

12. What is the maximum amount an employee be fined if he commits an offence (breaks the law) under Sections 20 (4) and 20 (5) of the Act?

13. Which section of the Act covers Resolution of Issues? (Hint look in Part 3)

14. According to Section 25 of the Act, when may an inspector be involved in resolving issues?

15 Who must the employer consult with to decide on the number of safety and health representatives to be elected? (Have you checked Section 30?)

16. What is the maximum length of time between safety and health committee meetings?

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Worksheet cont'd

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17. Who appoints WorkSafe inspectors?

18. What are three things an inspector can do when he enters a workplace? (Did you look in Section 43?)

19. What sections of the Act cover Improvement and Prohibition Notices?

20. What does Section 57 of the Act refer to?

21. How many people does the Commission consist of?

BRAINTEASER: Bill Bricklayer discards a broken brick. Larry Labourer trips over it and hurts his leg. Both are employees of Bob Builder. Who is responsible? Why?
