

PUBH 7034 WORKPLACE SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 401373

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Description This subject provides a critical insight into the theory and practice of managing health and safety in the workplace. Students have the opportunity to develop a safety systems approach, concentrating on hazard identification, risk assessment and devising control measures incorporating safety management principles to address current and emerging workplace health and safety issues. Students will learn the importance of developing a safety culture in the workplace as a core principle of safe work system management. In addition, the subject addresses the legal underpinning of health and safety requirements at the workplace. Labour market change and the role of government, unions and employer organisations are also examined. Global perspectives on workplace health and safety from various jurisdictions are also scrutinised.

School Health Sciences

Discipline Occupational Health and Safety

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Co-requisite(s) PUBH 7031

Equivalent Subjects PUBH 7024 Safety and Risk Management

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Critically analyse the impacts of existing and emerging occupational health and safety issues.
2. Assess hazards and risk to determine appropriate actions and develop risk management strategies.
3. Translate the WHS framework, guidance materials and evidence into practice
4. Design strategies to improve workplace health and safety
5. Examine the role of culture and leadership in workplace safety and risk management.
6. Collaborate with stakeholders to plan and implement work health and safety processes.

Subject Content

1. Workplace safety systems from a global and Australian perspective
2. Identifying Hazards and assessing risk
3. Emerging occupational health issues
4. Conducting a risk assessment and risk mitigation

5. Applying legislation and guidance material to risk management processes
6. Consultation
7. Evaluation in WHS
8. Safety culture and safety leadership
9. Managing Emergencies in the Workplace
10. Worker's compensation and return to work processes

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group	Mandatory Task
Professional, 250 words	25	N		Individual	Y
Professional, 2,000 words	35	N		Group	Y
Professional, 2,000 words	40	N		Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- The latest edition of the following textbook:
- Archer, R., Borthwick, K. & Travers, M. (2018). WHS: A Management Guide (5th Edition). Cengage Learning AUS.

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Online

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