



Effective Ways to Communicate Health and Safety Information

Clear and consistent communication is essential to building a strong health and safety culture. Using a variety of channels helps ensure that safety messages reach all staff in a timely and accessible way. A functioning health and safety system not only reduces the risk of injury and illness but also fosters trust, accountability, and employee engagement. When safety protocols are well-communicated and understood, workers are more likely to follow procedures, report hazards, and contribute to continuous improvement. This proactive approach leads to safer work environments, fewer disruptions, and improved organizational resilience.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

- Email Bulletins: Share regular updates, alerts, and policy changes.
- Intranet Portals: Central hub for safety documents, training materials, and incident reporting.
- Mobile Apps: Enable real-time alerts, checklists, and hazard reporting.
- SMS/Text Alerts: Quick notifications for emergencies or urgent updates.
- Video Conferencing: Host remote safety training, briefings, and meetings.
- Al Assistants: Auto-fill risk categories and guide assessments (like your Power Apps prototype).
- **QR Codes:** Link to procedures, MSDS sheets, or emergency contacts.
- Digital Displays: Rotate safety tips or alerts in common areas.

FACE-TO-FACE & INTERACTIVE ENGAGEMENT

- Safety Meetings/Toolbox Talks: Short, focused discussions on specific safety topics.
- **Training Sessions:** Formal instruction on safety procedures and compliance.
- One-on-One Consultations: Personalized discussions for specific concerns or follow-ups.





- Workshops & Simulations: Hands-on learning experiences.
- Gamified Learning: Quizzes, challenges, or rewards to boost engagement.

STATIC & VISUAL COMMUNICATION

- Newsletters: Monthly or quarterly updates on safety performance and initiatives.
- Notice Boards: Central locations for posting updates, policies, and incident stats.
- Manuals and Handbooks: Comprehensive guides on safety procedures and responsibilities.
- Posters & Signage: Clear visuals in high-traffic areas.
- Infographics: Simplify complex policies or data.

FEEDBACK & REPORTING MECHANISMS

- Surveys and Feedback Forms: Gather input on safety culture and identify areas for improvement.
- Incident Reporting Systems: Digital or paper-based tools for logging accidents or near misses.
- Suggestion Boxes: Anonymous way for employees to share safety concerns or ideas.
- Pulse Surveys: Quick check-ins on how safe staff feel.
- Recognition Programs: Celebrate safe behavior and proactive reporting.

OVERALL BEST PRACTICE FOR HEALTH & SAFETY COMMUNICATION

By integrating platforms like **email bulletins**, **mobile apps**, **and intranet portals** with **interactive meetings**, **visual signage**, **and anonymous feedback systems**, organizations can build a culture of safety that is both proactive and inclusive.

Tips:

- Keep messages concise and action-oriented.
- Use visuals and links to resources to enhance understanding.
- Schedule regular updates to maintain engagement.
- Use automation for reminders and alerts.
- Ensure mobile compatibility for field staff.
- Track engagement metrics to refine messaging.
- Encourage open dialogue and personalize communication where possible.
- Refresh static materials regularly and tailor them to diverse audiences.
- Act on feedback and communicate changes to build trust.

SUPPORTING RESOURCES

- MLITSD posted material requirements
- PSHSA free resource library
- Health safety training sheet

