**For everyone’s safety, work safely. #SafeWorkMonth**

**Who needs to read this**?

All Curtin University Staff and Contractors

**Background**

Welcome to the third week of National SafeWork Month.   This week’s focus is “Working together to protect all workers.”

 **Information**

This week we highlight and celebrate the diverse groups of workers who make up the Curtin community. Each group bring a unique set of skills and challenges to our workplaces. Some of these groups include young and older workers, workers with diverse cultural and linguistic back grounds and workers who have a pre-existing illnesses or a disability for whom accommodations may be required. Ensuring that we provide a safe workplace ensures that all workers go home in the same or a better state than how they arrived.

**Key Messages**

Our Health and Safety Representatives have a unique opportunity to assist with this process through;

* **Supporting colleagues who are injured.** A quick check-in or phone-call is not difficult and may make a huge difference to someone who is “doing it tough”.
* **Being curious when inspecting the workplace.** Just because something has always been “done that way” does not mean that it is the most up tom date or safe method. Be involved in updating of risk assessments and Safe Work Procedures and completing your final Workplace Inspection for 2023, prior to close-down.
* **Finding novel ways to present your key process information.** Try using graphic representation of your information (think IKEA), produce videos/animations or translated information into the preferred language of your workers.

**Who do you call with questions?**

If you have any queries, please contact Health and Safety on 9266 4900 or email healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au.

**References**

[CHARM Pocket Audit Guide](https://www.curtin.edu.au/healthandsafety/documents/)

[Curtin Contacts for Wellbeing](https://staffportal.curtin.edu.au/wellbeing/contacts/)

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