

Developing a safety management plan

A safety management plan provides a structured way for a mining operation to identify all its health and safety hazards, then develop the most effective ways to remove or reduce the risks. It must be both realistic and dynamic. This will ensure the safety management plan relates to the specific mine and its specific risks and adapts to any changes in operation.

Below is an outline of the process for developing a safety management plan.



Prepare

Understand your obligations under legislation	
Develop a mine safety policy and planning schedule	Program 1
Outline the management structure and define responsibilities	Program 2
Describe document control	Program 3
Undertake consultation	Program 4

Assess

Identify and rank risks	Program 5 & 6
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Plan

Principal hazard management plans	Program 19
Control plans	Programs 7, 10, 11, 13, 15 – 18, 20
Safe work method statements	Program 8
Emergency plan	Program 9
Create a training program	Program 14

Implement

Put all plans into action to remove or control the risks	All programs
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Review

Conduct workplace inspections and manage hazard reporting	Program 6
Accident and incident reporting	Program 12
Prepare a program of audits and reviews	Program 21