

TOOLBOX TALK: Environmental Awareness

Introduction

In recent years there has been more and more focus on the environment and how to protect it. World leaders are meeting on regular basis to discuss how to cut CO₂ emissions and the temperatures keep increasing to record highs year after year.

Any employer has obligations to protect the environment in all activities carried out as part of their operation. This includes, making workers aware how they need to contribute and stay within the legal requirements.

Hot topics include, but is not limited to:

- ☐ Global Warming.
- ☐ Destruction of tropical rain forests.
- ☐ Continuing increase in CO₂ emissions.



Contributing to a Greener Environment

There are many reasons why a greener environment should be supported by every organisation. Some of the main ones include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ☐ Moral: Doing your bit for the environment.
- ☐ Legal: Environmental laws are here and getting stricter all the time.
- ☐ Financial: Efficient use of resources means saving money.
- ☐ Loyalty: Environmentally friendly companies enjoy a good reputation.

Control Measures

The more people who get involved and is aware of how contribute to a better environment, the bigger the impact.

Following are things you can do to help:

- ☐ Turn off lights when not in use.
- ☐ Switch off equipment when not in use.
- ☐ Report maintenance issues/problems.
- ☐ Equipment that is more environmentally friendly.
- ☐ User greener transport/fuels.
- ☐ Car share.
- ☐ Save energy.
- ☐ Recycle.
- ☐ Reduce packaging.

The Law

- ☐ Environmental Protection Act 1990

Toolbox Talk Questions

- ☐ Why should we support a greener environment?
- ☐ What can you do to help?
- ☐ What are you going to do differently as a result of this Toolbox Talk?

Further Information

- ☐ The national health & safety regulator.

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