

Committee Checklist

Use this checklist to help you evaluate your joint health and safety Committee's operations. Place a check in the appropriate column beside each item (D/K=Don't Know; N/I=Needs Improvement; N/A=Not Applicable). You may check more than one box per item if you wish. *Note that there is room to add your own items at the end of each section.* Then discuss priority improvements with the rest of your Committee members.

Results

Item	Yes	No	D/K	N/I	N/A
1. Does the workplace have an effective violence prevention program?					
2. Does the workplace have an effective ergonomics (MSIP) program?					
3. Does the workplace have an effective industrial hygiene program? (noise, indoor air quality, lockout, fall protection).					
4. Does the workplace have an effective WHMIS program?					
5. Is occupational illness and injury data regularly collected and analyzed?					
6. Do both management and union Committee members participate in work site inspections, accident investigations and the necessary follow-up?					
7. Do Committee members influence the planning of new processes, procedures, and equipment that have health and safety impacts?					
8. Does the Committee maintain a positive working relationship with the employer?					
9. Has the Committee successfully identified and prioritized significant hazards or problems?					
10. Are there unresolved issues that the Committee has not been able to address well?					
11. Does the Committee use appropriately the provisions of the <i>Act</i> and <i>Regulation</i> for resolving conflicts?					
12. Does the Committee make clear, specific recommendations to address hazards and other OH&S issues?					

Results (con't)

Item	Yes	No	D/K	N/I	N/A
13. Has the employer provided written responses to Committee recommendations within the 21 day time limit?					
14. Does the employer implement Committee recommendations consistently?					
15. Do employees perceive that the Committee is performing a useful function?					
16. Has the number of complaints that Committee representatives have to address decreased in the past year?					
17. Has the number of injuries or occupational diseases decreased?					
18. Does the Committee regularly follow-up on the implementation of decisions and recommendations?					
19. Does the Committee have an effective process to regularly evaluate its own work?					

Process

Item	Yes	No	D/K	N/I	N/A
1. Do Committee members agree on the basic goals and purposes of the Committee?					
2. Do Committee members feel free to express themselves honestly and directly during Committee meetings?					
3. Do Committee members listen carefully to other people's points of view?					
4. During discussions, does the Committee distinguish between facts and opinions?					
5. Are conflicting opinions and points of view treated with respect?					
6. Do Committee members learn from one another?					
7. Does the Committee work through problems in a systematic, logical way?					
8. a) Do Committee members clearly define the problem, stating the <i>what, who, when, where</i> and <i>how</i> before considering solutions?					
b) Does the Committee use simple techniques like brainstorming to generate creative ideas?					

Process (con't)

Item	Yes	No	D/K	N/I	N/A
c) Does the Committee use flipcharts or white boards to display key points for everyone to see?					
d) Does the Committee look at a variety of possible solutions to problems before selecting the best solutions?					
e) Does the Committee base selection of priority problems and/or solutions on clearly stated criteria?					
9. Do the co-chairs work well together to facilitate the discussion?					
10. Do members of the Committee attend most of the meetings?					
11. Do Committee members have alternates in case they are unable to attend a regularly scheduled meeting?					
12. Does the Committee pay enough attention to the social or human relations aspects of group work?					
13. Do Committee members have an opportunity to contribute to the agenda?					
14. Do Committee members receive agenda several days in advance of the meetings?					
15. Does the Committee monitor its own use of time against the agenda during meetings?					
16. Is the Committee actively involved in all of the major workplace health and safety initiatives?					
17. Does the Committee regularly use <i>Accident Investigation Reports, Workplace Inspection Reports, first aid records and health and safety statistics</i> to inform and support decisions?					
18. Does the Committee receive and discuss complaints from employees?					
19. Does the Committee communicate well to management and union employees about its activities?					

Process (con't)

Item	Yes	No	D/K	N/I	N/A
20. Are Committee meetings posted on designated OH&S bulletin board(s)?					
21. Are Committee minutes prepared and distributed to Committee members on time?					
22. Does the Committee receive monthly, cumulative quarterly and cumulative annual safety statistics?					
23. Does the Committee meet at least once a month?					
24. Do Committee members have adequate time and resources to carry out their responsibilities?					
25. Does the Committee regularly evaluate its own work and processes?					
26. Does the Committee conduct an orientation session for new members?					

Structure

Item	Yes	No	D/K	N/I	N/A
1. Does the Committee have agreed terms of reference?					
2. Are Committee roles and responsibilities clearly defined?					
3. Is the Committee the right size?					
4. Are there at least as many union as employer representatives on the Committee?					
5. Do the respective unions select the union members?					
6. Are all sectors, departments, and unions adequately represented on the Committee?					
7. Does the Committee always use a clear, written agenda?					
a) Does the agenda indicate who is responsible for particular roles within the meetings?					
b) Does the agenda clearly specify the intended purpose of the discussion items?					
c) Does the agenda include time limits for each item?					
d) Are the co-chairs involved in setting the agenda?					
8. Does the Committee produce clear, action-oriented minutes of every meeting?					
a) Do the minutes specify who is responsible for carrying out Committee decisions?					

Structure (con't)

Item	Yes	No	D/K	N/I	N/A
b) Do the minutes specify deadlines for the completion of activities based on Committee decisions?					
c) Do the minutes accurately summarize the content of Committee discussions?					
9. Does the Committee know who implements recommendations on behalf of the employer?					
10. Does the Committee receive the necessary support from the employer?					

List the top 3 improvements your Committee should make in the next year. -

Worksheet 2 – Self Assessment Checklist

Committee Name: _____ Location: _____

Completed By: _____ Date: _____

This self assessment checklist is to assist the JOH&S Committee in ensuring that they are functioning in accordance with the WCB requirements. It is a part of the overall annual program review. The self-assessment is made up of three parts:

- √ Self Assessment Checklist – To identify required items
- √ Scoring Sheet – To measure and compare the committee’s performance over time
- √ Action Plan – To identify items that need attention

Answer each statement by checking “yes” or “no” and rate the effectiveness of the element for your committee. A score of “0” = No or not present. A score of “10”, a perfect score, indicates that the element is considered to be best practice. It is recognized that this may be difficult for certain questions.

	Yes	No	Score 0-10
1. The committee has written terms of reference that effectively establishes the committee’s rules of procedure.			
2. There are a minimum of four members, worker and employer representatives from and representing the committee.			
3. At least 50% of the members are worker representatives.			
4. Worker and Employer representatives have selected one co-chair each.			
5. The use of alternates has been discussed and decided.			
6. Names and work locations of committee members are posted (including alternates where applicable).			
7. The committee has a process to identify unhealthy and unsafe workplace situations.			
8. The committee advises on effective systems for responding to unhealthy and unsafe workplace situations as identified above.			

	Yes	No	Score 0-10
9. The committee considers and quickly deals with complaints.			
10. The committee consults with workers and the employer on issues related to OH&S and work environment.			
11. The committee advises the employer on proposed changes to the workplace or work processes that may affect the health and safety of workers.			
12. The committee advises the employer on workplace programs and policies required by OH&S regulations and monitor their effectiveness.			
13. The committee makes recommendations to the employer on educational programs promoting health and safety of workers and compliance with the OH&S regulations, and monitors their effectiveness.			
14. The committee ensures that incident investigations are carried out as required.			
15. The committee ensures that regular inspections are carried out as required.			
16. The committee has discussed and decided what level of participation they will have in inspections and has assigned representatives if applicable.			
17. The committee has discussed and decided what level of participation they will have in investigations and has assigned representatives if applicable.			
18. The committee has discussed and assigned (if applicable) a representative to participate in inquiries.			
19. The committee meets regularly at least once per month.			
20. The committee regularly uses the OH&S standards and regulations in their deliberations.			
21. The committee has a means for soliciting and considering employee OH&S suggestions.			

	Yes	No	Score 0-10
22. The committee reviews and comments on inspection reports.			
23. The committee reviews and comments on incident/accident reports and reports on industrial or occupational disease.			
24. There is an action column, a deadline for completion column and a responsibility assigned column shown in the minutes for follow up and to ensure action items are completed.			
25. There is a report prepared for each meeting with a copy provided to the employer, the workers and the unions, as applicable.			
26. The committee ensures that written recommendations are directly related to OH&S.			
27. Complete and clearly describe actions required without requests from the employer for additional information to make a decision.			
28. Forward to the employer in writing requesting a written response within 21 calendar days.			
29. The committee ensures that the minutes of the 3 most recent meetings are posted.			
30. The committee has ensured that all committee minutes are readily accessible to committee members, workers and the WCB.			
31. The committee has been provided with the necessary equipment, space and clerical staff to carry out their duties.			
32. The committee has confirmed that they report to their employer through the employer rep on the committee.			
33. The committee has discussed "information that must be kept confidential" and how they will achieve the confidentiality.			
34. The committee is knowledgeable about their role in the procedure for the "refusal of unsafe work.			