

Metal Industry Guidelines for Safe Work

These guidelines have been developed by a number of stakeholders who have joined together to form a 'Metal Manufacturing Safer Industry Group'. This programme was facilitated by ACC in partnership with the Department of Labour, and involves the Heavy Engineering Research Association, the Employers and Manufacturers Association, Canterbury Manufacturers' Association (CMA), the Otago Southland Employers Association, the Engineering, Printing and Manufacturing Union and Competenz.

As many of you in the Engineers Industry Group (EIG) know, the Association has completed a specific project focused on reducing eye injuries. The initial stages involved a telephone survey, conducted by Associate Member TriEx Ltd, to 30 firms in the EIG network. The outcome of these surveys were followed up in two workshops earlier this year, where attendees had the chance to discuss these issues further and come up with solutions. The recommendations we provided to ACC were well received and are included in this new set of guidelines.

The guidelines highlight a comprehensive range of hazards typical to the industry, and how to address them. The emphasis is on providing employers, supervisors and workers with practical information that can be used in everyday work practices to improve safety, reduce occupational illness and bring injury rates down.

The guidelines will be available FREE of charge. If you wish to request a copy simply email your details to metal@acc.co.nz.

The Association appreciates the support of the following companies:

- ACC
- The Department of Labour
- Triex