

Site activist's guide to:

Health & Safety

LIFE IN VACANT SPACES



Useful links

Dept. of Labour
www.dol.govt.nz

Site safe: Safety Plans
www.sitesafe.co.nz

**Site activation!
Be safe, secure
and sorted.**
www.livs.org.nz
info@livs.co.nz

Ensure your site is a fun, safe and enjoyable place to be, by minimising any risks and by protecting people's health, safety and wellbeing.

What's this all about?

As a responsible site activist, it's up to you to develop your health and safety plan (every site needs one).

Health and safety is all about common sense – it's about considering how someone could be harmed at your site, and taking practical steps to reduce or eliminate the risk. It's also about having a plan in place to ensure that you can respond effectively if an accident or incident should occur.

LiVS' top tips

- Arrange to do a site visit with a health and safety professional before you start.
- Take note of any site specific hazards that may apply to your project.
- Put a plan in place in case an accident does occur.

High five! The key things to consider

1. **Common Sense:** There are no set rules – health and safety is about awareness, common sense and being prepared.
2. **Anticipate:** Think about issues that could occur and what you can do to reduce or remove the risk.

3. **Action plan:** Have a plan in place for if an accident does occur. Keep a copy of this plan on-site, and make sure that those working with you also understand how to respond.
4. **Supervise:** Ensure that you always have a site supervisor on duty. If the supervisor is away appoint someone else until they are back
5. **Protect your reputation:** You don't want anyone to get hurt on your site.