



Keeping all workers safe

Young workers

Young workers, due to their inexperience in the workplace, may not notice when a situation becomes dangerous. They may also be less sure about asking questions or raising safety concerns.

Think safe, work safe, be safe by ensuring all workers know how to stay safe and healthy in the workplace.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reports approximately:

14%

Of the Australian workforce is made up of workers aged between 15 and 24 years

According to Safe Work Australia's Australian Workers' Compensation Statistics 2018-19 report approximately:

14K

of young workers had a serious workers' compensation claims in 2018-19 representing approximately 12.4% of all serious claims in that period



There are a number of steps you can take to ensure safety for young workers:

- Ensure an appropriate level of supervision relevant to the task they are performing.
- Provide safety inductions, training sessions and support.
- Use the 'tell me, show me, watch me' approach to new tasks.
- Identify a mentor who can provide feedback and support.