

Safety Committees: Beauty or Beast?



What is a committee?

A group of people who individually can do nothing but as a group decide that nothing can be done

Anon

What is a committee?

A group of people who talk for hours to produce a result called minutes

(A.D., quoted from Readers Digest, 5/76)

**A committee is a group that
keeps minutes and loses
hours.**

Milton Berle

Raise your hands if...

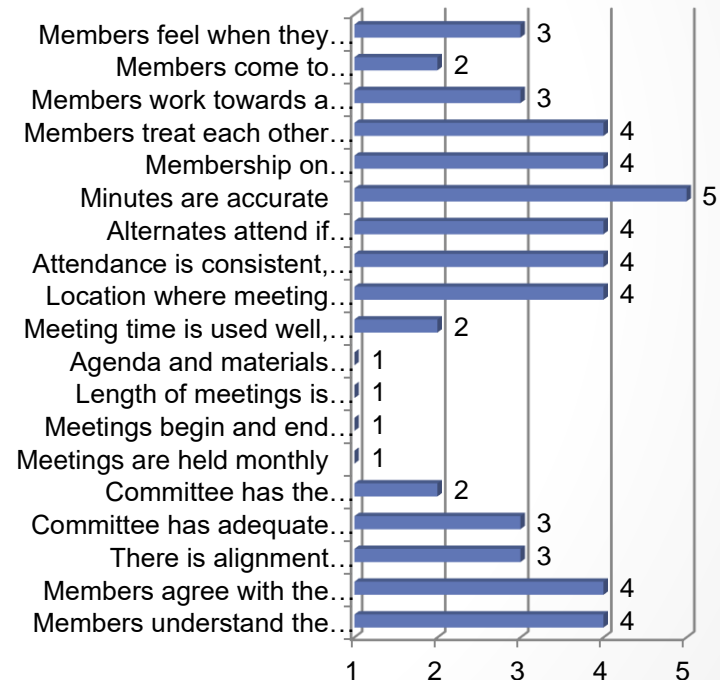


Why is it a Beast?



Safety Committee basics:

- Required under *Workers Compensation Act*
 - 20 or more workers
- Minimum of 4 members
- Co-Chairs
- Meet at least monthly
- Terms of Reference
- Annual evaluation
- Annual training
- Promote compliance



The rules and regulations

- *Workers Compensation Act*
- WorkSafeBC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (OH&SR)
- Policies
- Guidelines
- Your organizations' policies & procedures

Safety Committee Responsibilities

From Part 3, Division 4, Sections 125 to 140 of the WCA

- Consult, identify, advise, recommend
- Investigations, Inspections, inquiries
- Annual reviews of programs, procedures

HOW??

WorkSafeBC OH&S App





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7. Noise, Vibration, Radiation & Temperature

8. Personal Protective Clothing & Equipment

9. Confined Spaces

10. De-energization & Lockout

11. Fall Protection

12. Tools, Machinery & Equipment

13. Ladders, Scaffolds & Temporary Work Platforms

14. Cranes & Hoists

15. Rigging

16. Mobile Equipment

17. Transportation of Workers

18. Traffic Control

19. Electrical Safety

20. Construction, Excavation & Demolition

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25. Camps

26. Forestry Operations and Similar Activities

27. Wood Products Manufacturing

28. Agriculture

29. Aircraft Operations

30. Laboratories

31. Firefighting

32. Evacuation & Rescue

33. Not in Effect

34. Rope Access





Create an annual plan



Share the workload





Support each other



Celebrate achievements



Evaluate regularly

**BE LIKE A
POSTAGE STAMP.
STICK TO A THING
TILL YOU GET
THERE.**

JOSH BILLINGS