



Codes of Practice

A Code of Practice provides practical guidance, on specific areas of work, to employers, self employed persons and employees enabling them to achieve the standard of health and safety required by the Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989 (the Act).

Codes of Practice are usually developed through tripartite processes involving government and industry representatives. Once a code of practice is approved by the Minister, it takes effect on the day the notice of approval is gazetted. Approved Codes of Practice are designed to be used in conjunction with the Act and associated regulations, but do not have the same legal force. However, an approved code of practice can be used as evidence in legal proceedings to show that a person has failed to meet a standard set out in the Act or regulations, unless that person can demonstrate that the same or better standard of safety has been achieved using an alternative method.

The following documents are approved codes of practice made under Section 206 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989:

Topic	Title	Available From*
Amenities - Construction	ACT Construction Industry Amenities Code of Practice (Commenced 2 August 1998)	1
Confined Spaces	Safe Working in a Confined Space AS2865-1995 [NOHSC:1009(1994)] (Commenced 22 November 1996)	2
Demolition	Safe Demolition Work - ACT Code of Practice (3 rd Revised Edition) (Current edition commenced 23 November 2000)	1
First Aid	ACT First Aid in the Workplace Code of Practice (2 nd edition) (Current edition commenced 1 July 2006)	1
Ionising Radiation	National Standard for limiting occupational exposure to ionising radiation [NOHSC:1013(1995)] (Commenced 3 January 1996)	2
Human Immuno-deficiency Virus and Hepatitis B (HIV & Hep B)	National Code of Practice for Health Care Workers and Other People at Risk of the Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Hepatitis B in the Workplace [NOHSC:2010(1993)] (Commenced 22 June 1994) (Under review and currently not available)	2
Inorganic Lead	National Standard for the Control of Inorganic Lead at Work [NOHSC:1012(1994)] and Code of Practice for the Control and Safe Use of Inorganic Lead at Work [NOHSC:2015(1994)] (Commenced 12 January 1995)	2
Manual Handling	ACT Manual Handling Code of Practice (Revised Edition) (Current Edition commenced February 1999)	1
Noise and Hearing Protection	National Standard for Occupational Noise [NOHSC:1007 (2000)] and National Code of Practice for Noise Management and Protection of Hearing at Work [NOHSC:2009(2004)] (Current edition commenced 17 August 2004)	2
Occupational Overuse Syndrome	National Code of Practice for the Prevention of Occupational Overuse Syndrome [NOHSC:2013(1994)] (Commenced 28 June 1994)	2



Topic	Title	Available From*
Plant Standard	National Standard for Plant [NOHSC:1010(1994)] (Commenced 12 January 1995)	2
Sex Industry	Code of Practice for the ACT Sexual Services Industry (2 nd edition) (Current edition commenced 17 May 2005)	1
Smoke Free Workplaces	Smoke Free Workplaces Code of Practice (Under review and currently not available) (Commenced 25 May 1994)	1
Steel Construction	Code of Practice for Steel Construction (Commenced 26 March 1997)	1
Synthetic Mineral Fibres	National Standard for Synthetic Mineral Fibres [NOHSC:1004(1990)] and National Code of Practice for the Safe use of Synthetic Mineral Fibres [NOHSC:2006 (1990)] (Commenced 19 February 1992)	2
Working on Roofs (1)	Safe Working on Roofs Part 1 - ACT Code of Practice (Commenced 5 December 1997)	1
Working on Roofs (2)	Safe Working on Roofs Part 2 - ACT Code of Practice (Commenced 28 July 1999)	1
Cash in Transit	Code of Practice for the Transport and Delivery of Cash (Commenced 19 August 2003)	1

The following documents are approved codes of practice made under Section 219 of the Dangerous Substances Act 2004:

Asbestos	National Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos [NOHSC:2002 (2005)] (Commenced 1 May 2006)	2
Hazardous Substances	National Model Regulations for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances [NOHSC:1005(1994)] and National Code of Practice for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances [NOHSC:2007(1994)] (Commenced 24 April 1995)	2
Hazardous Substances	National Code of Practice for the Preparation of Material Safety Data Sheets [NOHSC:2011(2003)] (Current edition commenced 19 July 2006)	2
Hazardous Substances	National Code of Practice for the Labelling of Workplace Substances [NOHSC:2012(1994)] (Commenced 24 April 1995)	2
Hazardous Substances	Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:1003(1995)] (with the exception of chrysotile @ 0.1 fibre/mL) (Commenced 5 November 1996)	2

* Codes of Practice may be purchased from -

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