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Accident Compensation Corporation Has Released Version 2 of the Online Tool

HabitAtWork

Many aspects of this website are improved but there are two important changes:

1. The Office Version Set up your Workstation Section has been expanded. A step-by-step interactive learning process guides users through a complete workstation setup
 - Users can choose a path in the process depending on the kind of office equipment they have
 - The aim is to empower staff to make adjustments for comfort when they need them. Small changes in workstation setup can also help with the need for variation in working posture to aid comfort while at work
2. An assessment Section has been added to both the Office and Industrial versions. Users answer 15 randomised questions and must get 80% of them right to pass. When they do they can print out a certificate

Department of Labour Has Released a Guide Entitled

Managing the Risk of Violence to Healthcare Providers: Good Practice Guide

This Document Released on the 22 January 2009 can be Downloaded from the Department of Labour Internet Site

This industry-developed guideline is designed to fulfill health and safety obligations to healthcare staff while enhancing patient care. It represents a “best practice” approach and provides a basis for units to compare their practice and join together in developing effective solutions. Section 7 of the Hazard Management System is being amended to add the document to the list of external best practice references

Department of Labour has Published Information

Regarding Morale, Distress and Healthy Work

This information sheet discusses morale and challenge, distress and threat, healthy work, stress and the causes of stress, and gives advice to employers and employees.