

Guidance removed from WorkSafe website (May 2025)

Guidance Title	Year	Rationale	Other relevant guidance
The guidance was time sensitive, and content is no longer relevant or required.			
1. Safely using insecticides containing fenamiphos on plants	2013	Related to banned substances no longer relevant.	
2. Safely using insecticides containing methamidophos on plants	2013	Related to banned substances no longer relevant.	
3. Safely using insecticides containing prothiofos on plants	2013	Related to banned substances no longer relevant.	
4. Safely using insecticides containing terbufos on plants	2013	Related to banned substances no longer relevant.	
5. Stacking and shelving to withstand earthquakes	2016	Some content is duplicated, some covered by BRANZ guidelines and does not reflect current practices.	
6. Changes to the Adventure Activities regime – what they mean for you	2024	Originally published to fill a gap in guidance all content relating to registration requirements and requirements relating to natural hazards are now covered more comprehensively in WorkSafe website information and the recently published Natural Hazards GPG.	Adventure and outdoor recreation activities – managing the risks from natural hazards WorkSafe Adventure activities WorkSafe
The content is duplicated i.e. covered by other more up-to-date guidance or information*			
7. Pipeline inspection log sheet (concrete)	2013	Also included as appendix in guidance 'Concrete pumping health and safety guidelines'.	Health and safety during concrete pumping WorkSafe
8. Task analysis worksheet (concrete)	2019	Also included as appendix in guidance 'Concrete pumping health and safety guidelines'.	Health and safety during concrete pumping WorkSafe
9. Cytotoxic drugs: Keeping workers safe when handling cytotoxic drugs and related waste (Good practice guidelines)	2020	There is better more up to date content available online.	External sources of information may include Microsoft Word - Generic Cytotoxic Self Learning Package.docx
The content does not reflect current legislation, regulations, technology or practice			
10. A general guide to the Health and Safety in Employment (Pressure Equipment, Cranes, And Passenger Ropeways) Regulations 1999	2007	Has not been updated.	
11. Staying safe in and around farm dairies (Good practice guidelines)	2014	Content is pre HSWA. Not consistent with current practice. Some duplicated content in Level 2 NZQA. Risk of us being inconsistent as doesn't	

		reflect industry practice.	
12. Safe cattle handling (Good practice guidelines)	2014	Out-of-date, very animal specific content that is better covered by others.	Safe cattle handling fact sheet WorkSafe Manual handling WorkSafe Stock loading ramps WorkSafe Manual handling WorkSafe
13. Safe deer handling (Good practice guidelines)	2015	Out-of-date, very animal specific content that is better covered by others. For example, Deer Industry NZ?	
14. Safe sheep handling (Good practice guidelines)	2014	Out-of-date, very animal specific content that is better covered by others.	Working with sheep WorkSafe Manual handling WorkSafe Stock loading ramps WorkSafe
15. Riding horses on farms (Good practice guidelines)	2014	Out-of-date, very specific content that is better covered by others. Risk of head injury is covered by other up-to-date guidance.	Riding horses on farms - fact sheet WorkSafe Breaking in horses on farms WorkSafe
The content is duplicated i.e. covered by other more up-to-date general guidance or information. And does not reflect of current technology or practice.			
16. A guide to developing safety management systems	2015	Content is out of date (pre HSWA), contains very specific farming content. 18 small overviews on Health and Safety concepts such as Health and safety policies, hazard identification, document management, employee participation, hazardous substances etc. This content is duplicated in other general more up-to-date guidance covering the same concepts.	
17. Working well: Health and safety in your vineyard and winery (NZ Wine Toolkit)	2016	Contains overview sections of general health and safety concepts such as health and safety policies, roles and responsibilities, employee participation, hazard management etc in the horticulture environment). This content is duplicated in other general more up-to-date guidance covering the same concepts.	
18. Keep safe, keep growing: How to be healthy and safe in horticulture (Horticulture NZ Toolkit)	2017	Contains small overviews including health and safety policies, hazard identification, document management, employee participation, hazardous substances etc. This content is duplicated in other general more up-to-date guidance covering the same concepts	
19. Guidelines for the safe handling, transportation and stacking of large hay bales.	1995	Content is very old (pre-HSWA), specific and duplicated (some in mobile plant).	General up-to-date work-related manual handling guidance, including screening and assessment tools at: Musculoskeletal disorders WorkSafe

20. A guide to safety with chainsaws	2011	Content is very old (pre-HSWA) and no longer relevant for modern chainsaws. There is better up to date information elsewhere, including information provided by manufacturers.	
21. Safe use of elevating work platforms in the horticultural industry (Good practice guidelines)	2013	Not consistent with current practice. Includes specific orchard guidance including site safety plans. This content is duplicated in other general guidance covering the same concepts	Mobile elevating work platforms Working at height in New Zealand Working safely near overhead electric powerlines
22. Safe use of quad bikes (Good practice guidelines)	2014	Very outdated (pre HSWA) content, not consistent with current practice. This content is duplicated in other general more up-to-date guidance covering the same concepts.	Policy clarification: Crush protection devices on quad bikes Carrying passengers on quad bikes How to load and unload a quad bike for transport WorkSafe Using a quad bike to tow - fact sheet WorkSafe Use the right farm vehicle WorkSafe
23. Safe use of tractors on farms (Good practice guidelines)	2014	Very outdated (pre HSWA) content, not consistent with current practice. This content is duplicated in other general guidance covering the same concepts (safe use of mobile plant, roll-over protective devices etc).	Use the right farm vehicle WorkSafe Safe use of tractors - fact sheet WorkSafe Roll-over protective structures on tractors in agricultural operations Seatbelts - a guide for businesses WorkSafe
24. Safe use of two-wheeled motorbikes on farms (Good practice guidelines)	2014	Very outdated (pre HSWA) content, not consistent with current practice. This content is duplicated in other more up-to-date guidance covering the same concepts.	Safe use of two-wheeled motorbikes on farms - information sheet WorkSafe Use the right farm vehicle WorkSafe
25. Preventing noise induced hearing loss on farms (Good practice guidelines)	2014	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Generic content is available that covers this industry.	Noise WorkSafe Further information WorkSafe
26. Preventing noise induced hearing loss (Safer Farms)	2016	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Generic content is available that covers this industry.	Noise WorkSafe Further information WorkSafe
27. Preventing manual handling injuries on farms (Good practice guidelines)	2014	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Content is duplicated in other more recent documents with general information available on musculoskeletal disorders and hazardous manual	General up-to-date work-related manual handling guidance, including screening and assessment tools at: Musculoskeletal disorders WorkSafe

		handling.	
28. Preventing slips, trips and falls on farms (Good practice guidelines)	2014	Duplicated content. Generic content is available that covers this industry. Content is covered in more recent documents with general information on musculoskeletal disorders and hazardous manual handling.	Slips, trips and falls WorkSafe
29. Safe use of self-propelled agricultural plant (Good practice guidelines)	2015	Out of date resource and some content covered in other guidance	Vehicles and mobile plant WorkSafe Protective structures on self-propelled mobile mechanical plant WorkSafe
30. Stacking and shelving to withstand earthquakes	2016	Point in time content specifically focused on earthquake restraint and produced in response to the Canterbury earthquake. Content is duplicated in the quick guide 'Working safely with pallet racking systems' (2021) but that does not explicitly address seismic restraint. As seismic design is not a WorkSafe area, this is covered by BRANZ design guidelines, content is covered sufficiently in this guidance. The practice illustrated in this guidance was noted to not be current practice.	Working safely with pallet racking systems WorkSafe
31. Guide to health and safety in the timber processing industry.	2005	Content no longer reflects current practice or technology and is very industry specific. Some content is duplicated in other guidance and brand standards. We have better up to date guidance that covers the same general material such as machine guarding, working at heights, hazard identification, dust.	
32. Guide to certification for collision repair workshops	2009	Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. This guidance is not used and not readily accessible from the website. WorkSafe steers PCBUs to Hazardous substance specialists. Some content is duplicated in the 'Working safely with hazardous substances in your collision repair workshop' (2014) guidance.	Collision repair workshops WorkSafe
33. Guidelines for the provision of facilities and general safety in the construction industry	1995	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Content is very outdated and has been replaced by more up to date guidance.	

34. The absolutely essential health and safety toolkit for small construction sites	2018	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Content has been replaced by more up to date guidance, which presented together in a package for the industry on the WorkSafe website as part of the packaging stream work.	
35. Noise in construction	2015	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Generic content is available that covers this industry.	Noise WorkSafe Further information WorkSafe
36. Noise abatement for circular saws	1999	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Generic content is available that covers this industry.	Noise WorkSafe Further information WorkSafe
37. The absolutely essential health and safety toolkit - for manufacturing	2016	Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Content is duplicated in other guidance covering topics such as general risks, systems of work, overlapping duties etc. Duplicated in other more general guidance rather than manufacturing specific. It includes multiple links to other documents that do not work. Content may be more useful to the sector than inspectors.	
38. Manual handling in the manufacturing industry	1991	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Content is duplicated in other more recent documents containing general information on musculoskeletal disorders and hazardous manual handling.	General up-to-date work-related manual handling guidance, including screening and assessment tools at: Musculoskeletal disorders WorkSafe
39. Noise in manufacturing	2016	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Generic content is available that covers this industry.	Noise WorkSafe Managing noise risks WorkSafe
40. Control guide: Management of noise at work	1996	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology.	Noise WorkSafe Managing noise risks WorkSafe

		Generic content is available that covers this industry.	
41. Selection and use of hearing protectors	2003	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Generic content is available that covers this industry.	Noise WorkSafe Managing noise risks WorkSafe
42. Guide for safety with underground services	2002	Contains some potentially still useful information. Cranes are being considered in the next tranche of work.	Noise WorkSafe Managing noise risks WorkSafe
43. Healthy work - Managing stress and fatigue in the workplace	2003	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Content is duplicated in other more recent guidance such as 2017 Fatigue Quick Guide, 2021 Managing the risks of Shift Work GPG, advice, posters and videos. 2025 Managing psychosocial risks at work GPG.	Managing psychosocial risks at work WorkSafe Fatigue quick guide WorkSafe
44. Guidelines for using computers (Joint guidance with ACC)	2010	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Content is duplicated in other more up to date WorkSafe guidance such as Setting up a healthy workstation when working at home, 2022. ACC has a referral page for useful computer related resources which no longer refers to this document.	Offices WorkSafe Setting up a healthy workstation when working from home WorkSafe
45. Guidelines for the provision of facilities and general safety in the healthcare industry	1997	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Content covers general concepts that are included in more recent guidance.	General risk and workplace management - part 1 WorkSafe Workplace and facilities requirements WorkSafe
46. Moving and handling people in the healthcare industry - guidance for PCBU's (Good practice guidelines)	2018	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Content is covered in more recent documents containing general information on musculoskeletal disorders and hazardous manual handling.	General up-to-date work-related manual handling guidance, including screening and assessment tools at: Musculoskeletal disorders WorkSafe Health services WorkSafe
47. Violence in the health and disability sector: Guidance for PCBU's (Good practice guidelines)	2020	Duplicated content. Content no longer reflects current practice or technology. Content is covered in more recent documents with general information on musculoskeletal disorders	Violence at work WorkSafe Managing psychosocial risks at work WorkSafe Health services WorkSafe

		and hazardous manual handling. There is also an ACOP that is being considered under the future work stream.	
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