

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Guiding Principles

The Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia (AME) recognizes that health and safety are fundamental cornerstones of the mineral exploration and mining sector. In pursuit of preventing incidents among its members, AME encourages the promotion of sound and responsible business practices to ensure everyone's right to a healthy and safe workplace.

In conducting their activities, AME members should strive to:

1. Implement appropriately-scaled health and safety codes of practice, policies, audits, programs, guidelines and procedures.
2. Encourage a culture of safety and risk awareness by facilitating regular, open and honest dialogue on safety at all meetings with staff, contractors, directors and in communities.
3. Comply with all applicable permits, laws and regulations at a minimum. Wherever possible, and in the absence of regulation, use leading management practices to prevent or reduce health and safety risks.
4. Encourage the reporting of all unsafe work conditions, near misses, and accidents and adhere to the worker's right to refuse unsafe work.
5. Document, investigate and report health and safety incidents and do so in a manner that ensures the rights of the employee and employer are upheld.
6. Allocate the appropriate financial resources, personnel, training and expertise toward health and safety during all phases of mineral exploration and development.
7. Seek opportunities for continuous improvement and innovation of health and safety performance.

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