# Safe&Well Waypoint

# **EMPLOYEE HAZARD REPORTING**

BACKGROUND: The internal responsibility system (including our incident reporting policy) requires workers to report workplace hazards, near misses and injuries/illnesses. Note that a workplace hazard is any condition, practice of thing that has the potential for harming people or damaging equipment, materials or the environment. A "hazard" only represents a potential to cause harm.

## HOW TO REPORT A WORKPLACE HAZARD, INJURY OR ILLNESS

- 1. Report the occurrence immediately to your Manager/Supervisor
- 2. Report electronically within the incident reporting software (SPIRiT) prior to the end of shift

### **INCIDENT REPORTING IN SPIRIT**

- 1. All Waypoint employees have access and are able to report hazards and injuries, as well as facility issues and security concerns
- 2. Employees can report hazards, injuries to themselves or others (physical or psychological)
- 3. A SPIRiT icon is located on every desktop. Staff log in using their standard username and password
- 4. When reporting a hazard or injury, select the Employee Event tile and fill in all mandatory fields prior to submitting
- 5. Incident severity levels are outlined in the Staff Incident Investigation, Reporting and Follow-up Policy

For further support submitting in SPIRiT, please contact the H&S department at ext. 3025.

#### WHAT HAPPENS AS A RESULT OF REPORTING

Manager/Supervisor investigates hazard/incident to confirm the existence of a risk, and develops mitigations to reduces the chances of the risk impacting others. This includes:

- Identifying the immediate and root causes of the hazard/incident
- Developing, implementing and assessing mitigations with clear timeframes to implement controls/changes

#### **IMPACT of NON-REPORTING or LATE REPORTING**

Late, missing or inaccurate employee incident reports have the ability to negatively impact the safety of others. Without an incident report, the organization may be unaware of a risk and unable to take corrective actions. A late or inaccurate incident report might also negatively impact the organization's legislated reporting obligations.

(Policy Reference: Staff Incident Investigation, Reporting and Follow-up Policy)

NEXT:

Stay tuned for future communications as we explore what happens when you submit an incident report

