



Colleagues are encouraged to use the SLAM (Stop...Look... Assess...Manage) technique to help create a healthy and safe working environment.

Stop



Stop the task and think. Look at the task and ask:

- Is this a new task?
- Has the task changed?
- When was the last time I did this task?
- Do I feel competent to carry out this task?

Look



Look before, during and after completion of the task. Always:

- Inspect the work area for potential hazards (eg blocked routes, defective equipment)
- Identify the hazards for each step of the task, and
- Deal with any hazards you can
- Report remaining hazards to supervisor or management and complete a near miss report

Assess



Are colleagues equipped to perform the tasks safely? Check they have the correct:

- Knowledge,
- Skills,
- Competence,
- Personal Protective Equipment,
- Tools to carry out the task

Is anything else needed?

- Assistance (Colleagues should be encouraged to request help if needed)
- Training/Instruction (Colleagues should be competent to carry out tasks)

Manage



Colleagues should take appropriate action to eliminate or minimise hazards by:

- Ensuring appropriate equipment is used and is well maintained
- Stop working if you feel unsafe and tell your supervisor and colleagues
- Discuss with your supervisor what actions you think are necessary
- If something unexpected happens, learning from it and being better prepared in future

By remembering SLAM, you are more likely to stop and assess work if a risk is posed, or stop colleagues working in a unsafe or unhealthy way.