

Catalyst (n.) person or thing that precipitates a change...



Spring

The season of renewal, growth and new beginnings, well that is certainly what is happening at Catalyst. We are about to launch our refreshed website, we have a new office located in Hamilton to service the Waikato and surrounding regions and from the 1st November new legislation will come into effect for all of us who drive and use a mobile phone.

As some may be aware Catalyst is conducting interviews with large organisations in both the public and private sector (across all industries) to gather information and understand best practice in the management of all workplace absences. The response to this initiative has been excellent.

We will complete our interviews before Christmas and will publish our findings in the New Year. Thanks again to those who have helped with this project. If we have not contacted you, and you are interested in participating please contact us on info@catalystrisk.co.nz.

Catalyst launches refreshed Website

Catalyst announces the launch of our refreshed website. The layout has been totally overhauled and the functionality has been revamped to provide a better client experience. The new look has been designed to better reflect the services that Catalyst offers, our emphasis on people and our passion for improving the health and wellbeing of our client's employees.

A new "client only section" will be unlocked in the coming weeks. This will provide a seamless opportunity for our clients to track progress of their employee's claims in real time on Catalyst's claims management system.

We would appreciate your feedback on our new website. You can do this by visiting www.catalystrisk.co.nz or emailing quality@catalystrisk.co.nz

"I am delighted to announce the launch of Catalyst's new website. This moves us to a more interactive on-line experience which I'm sure will delight both our current and prospective clients. This is just the start of a number of new initiatives we will be introducing to communicate with clients and prospective clients."

Elaine McFadyen, CEO, Catalyst

Catalyst is proud to announce its presence in the Waikato

Catalyst has recently appointed Carey Giddens to the role of case manager for the Waikato and Bay of Plenty area. Carey is based in Hamilton.

Carey is keen to build on the excellent rapport that Catalyst has developed with our clients in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty region. Carey's appointment will enable us to continue to achieve great outcomes in rehabilitation.



Levy consultation begins

On 14 October 2009 ACC announced the beginning of levy consultation for 2010–2011. The consultation period runs for 28 days between 14 October and 10 November 2009.

The proposed changes would increase the average levy for the Work account to \$1.89 per \$100 (up by \$0.58), Earners account to \$2.48 per \$100 (up by \$0.98) and Motor Vehicle levies up by \$130.28 per annum.

These proposed rates may alter if there are further changes to the legislation.

Read more information about the consultation process at ACC's website.

If you would like any assistance with understanding how these changes may affect you please contact Valerie Handrickan at valerie.handrickan@catalystrisk.co.nz

No "hands on mobile phone usage" from November



From 1 November 2009 it will be illegal for drivers to talk or send text messages on handheld mobile phones while driving. Drivers caught using handheld mobiles will be liable for an \$80 fine and 20 demerit points.

Transport Minister Steven Joyce stated when announcing the ban *"There are a lot of other distractions while driving but handheld mobile phone use has grown to become a significant problem."*

According to statistics there were 25 fatal crashes and 482 injury crashes between 2003 and 2008 where the use of a cell phone or another mobile device was a factor.

The ban will not cover hands-free devices or two-way radio and there will be an exemption for 111 calls made in emergency situations.

Catalyst fully supports the introduction of this legislation and believes that it will help stop avoidable traffic fatalities and injuries associated with workplace phone calls in company vehicles.

Further editions

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter and we welcome your feedback, please email info@catalystrisk.co.nz.

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