

Health and Safety Advisers

There are varied professions that together make up New Zealand's health and safety workforce. Each has its own unique expertise, and to help guide you we have provided a summary below of the areas covered by our professional member associations.

Health and safety generalists – provide general health and safety advice, planning and risk management across a worksite or organisation.

Hazardous substances professionals – specialise in the management of safety risks from explosive, flammable, toxic or corrosive substances being manufactured, used, stored, transported or disposed of at work.

Occupational hygienists – specialise in identifying, evaluating and controlling risks to worker health from physical, chemical and biological hazards.

Occupational health nurses – provide advice and services to help manage the relationship between work and health, including the effects of both work on health and health on work.

Human factors/ergonomics (HFE) professionals– provide systems-level analysis and advice about the design of work equipment, environments, and processes to support healthy and productive work.

Occupational therapists – support personal health and wellbeing through meaningful activity: in the work context, this means helping people affected by physical or mental health issues to return to or stay at work.

Occupational health physiotherapists – work to prevent or treat injuries suffered at work and help affected people return to or stay at work.