

ASI National Safety Group

Creating a safer workplace is a high priority within the steel industry and is supported by the ASI National Safety Committee. The ASI National Safety Committee's vision is for "**A Safer Steel Industry**".

Key Strategies

1. Recognition/Awards for members and their customers:

The National Safety Awards are held annually (since 2003) and are presented at the Australian Steel Convention in September each year. The awards include a Site Award, Individual Award and Improvement Initiative Award and are an initiative of the ASI National Safety Committee to reward steel industry companies and individuals for high achievements in safety. Sharing of each member company's award programmes is occurring to gain information on successful initiatives that are improving safety performance.

2. Influencing external stakeholders:

The National Safety Committee reviews and contributes to new legislation and standards and is continuing to strengthen the link between the statutory bodies and the industry. Members are kept informed of changes to relevant Australian Standards which impact on safety, work practices, or buying of plant and equipment.

3. Improving networking and communication amongst ASI members:

Information is being shared on each company's safety systems and performance at National Safety Committee meetings in order to generate discussion and ideas for improvement. State Safety Committees have been established in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria and links are in place between all Safety Committees encouraging the sharing of performance, serious incident learning, good OH&S practices and OH&S support.

4. Safety Leadership Development:

The National Safety Committee encourages and supports Safety Leadership within the ASI membership by raising awareness of required leadership skills. It has a targeted Safety Leadership project and is developing a system to progress and support significant 'special projects'.