



Caring for Our People

Manaakitia ā tātou tāngata

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As-salāmu ‘alaykum. Peace be with you.

Working with consultants and contractors. Did you know...?

If an incident occurs on your building site, you have responsibilities too.

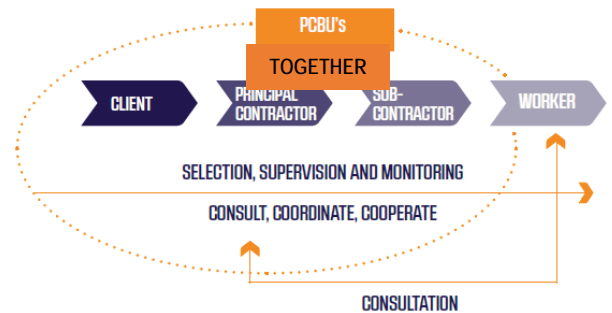
You may say ‘We’ve engaged a specialist contractor to do work we know nothing about and have left them to it,’ but WorkSafe will want to know what you are doing to understand the safety processes.

Think about how you can demonstrate that you understand what the contractor is doing – and that you are verifying, on an ongoing basis, that it has actually happened.


Consult, Coordinate and Cooperate.

If we don’t know to do something, we do nothing.

Doing nothing is not an option!



Incidents happened

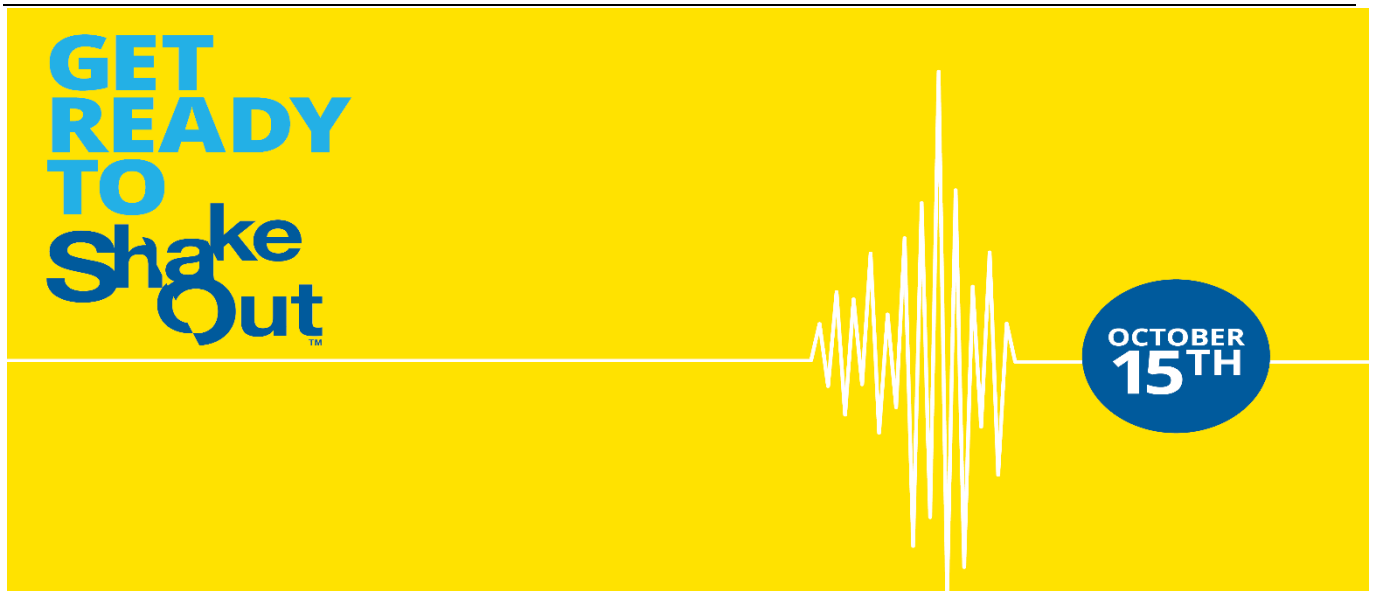
Actual MCNZ Events	Let us learn!
<p>Gas leak during demolition work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site evacuated by parish • Site shut down for 24 hours for gas to clear • Connexional office informed late • WorkSafe informed later • No formal investigation carried out • No one hurt • The roles were not clearly defined regarding the gas shut off • The double checks were not clearly defined to confirm the extent of the shut off. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure good Consultation, Coordination and Cooperation between Consultant, Contractor and Client (us). Know who should be doing what and what the checks are. • Inform the right people right away <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WorkSafe – tell them about ‘notifiable’ events ○ Connexional Office – we will deal with WorkSafe for you (if needed), can advise of next steps (again, only if needed!), and walk you through the investigation process • Have a practiced evacuation plan, ensure that your contractor has one also! • Investigate ASAP. Ensure we know how to stop it happening again... anywhere! • Beware! Closing a gas account is different to physically closing the gas pipe at the street.
<p>Unplanned structure collapse during demolition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debris fell onto a part of the building outside of the demolition area • It was planned that no one would be in that area during this part of the demolition work. No one was hurt. • Connexional office informed within 24 hrs • The COVID lockdown interfered with investigating this incident • Contractor’s insurance covers this incident 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with your Consultants and Contractor to plan for the risks of each stage of your project. • Ensure your contactors are insured (sight their current insurance cover)! 

E raka te mauī, e raka te matau.

The left hand is skilled, the right hand is skilled. Use all the skills you have available.

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New Zealand ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi, is happening on Thursday 15 October 2020 at 9.30am.

Taking part is a great way for everyone to learn and practise, the right actions to take before, during and after an earthquake and tsunami.

Get involved! Give it a go!

<https://getready.govt.nz/involved/shakeout/>

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Check out if you are in a tsunami zone

<https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/get-ready/get-tsunami-ready/tsunami-evacuation-zones/>

