

DID YOU KNOW?

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

“Mourn for the dead, but fight for the living”

International Workers' Memorial Day takes place annually around the world on April 28. It is an international day of remembrance and action for workers killed, disabled, injured or made unwell by their work. It was started by the Union movement in 1984 and adopted by the UN in 2001 as 'World Day for Safety and Health at Work'.

Around the world:

- One worker dies every 15 seconds worldwide. 6,000 workers die everyday.
- More people die at work, then those fighting in wars.

In New Zealand Law:

“Every employer shall take all practicable steps to ensure the safety of employees while at work.”

“An employee may refuse to do work if the employee believes that the work that the employee is required to perform is likely to cause serious harm to him or her.”

So if what you are doing at work is unsafe and likely to cause you serious harm **DON'T DO IT** and report the unsafe practise immediately to your Supervisor, Union Delegate and Health and Safety Representative.

Every worker deserves to go home to their family.

