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### Back to basics at MinEx workshops

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MinEx's new health and safety workshops are aimed at helping smaller quarry operators to better understand site safety management.

Supported by WorkSafe, the first regional workshop will be held in Palmerston North next month.

Some operators have a disconnect between what they're learning during their Certificate of Competence training and putting that into practice, MinEx chief executive Wayne Scott says.

"The feedback is that operators want to understand what is required. They want an understanding of what Health and Safety in the workplace means."

#### Back to basics

Each workshop will provide an introduction to the Health and Safety Management Systems.

"I'll be running them through the basics of how they manage safety at the site and then give them some tools that they can use," Scott says.

He will cover what is meant by a workplace inspection and what constitutes a risk assessment.

Scott will expand on the key areas of risk management and plant maintenance and guarding. Creating a suitable emergency response, and training and competency of the workforce are also on the agenda.

"This is looking after your gear, making sure it's safe, making sure your people know what they're doing and then doing some inspections," he says.

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"If you can manage those things, you've pretty much got it nailed."

### Helping hand

Scott says for a lot of operators it is not just a matter of coming to a meeting, listening for three hours and taking away some tools.

"They actually need someone to come in and kick rocks with them at their site,

which WorkSafe inspectors will inevitably do."

He also expects some of the operators that will come to the meetings are already doing a good job with their health and safety management obligations.

He hopes these operators can help mentor and guide others to improve their practices.

### Where and when

The first of the 17 planned workshops will be held in Palmerston North Wednesday 13 June at a venue to be confirmed.

Hatuma Lime in Waipukarau will host the second workshop Thursday 14 June. The next workshop will be held in Gisborne Wednesday 27 June, before Whakatane Thursday 28 June with venues to be confirmed.

Each workshop will run for three hours from 3.00pm, followed by refreshments and general discussion.

"Please support these workshops. They are designed to give you all the information you need to develop your own management system and improve health and safety in your workplace," Scott says.

The south of the South Island will be the next area to host the workshops. Contact office@minex.org.nz to RSVP.

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