

The Coalition of Safe Schools

The Journey to Safety in South African Schools

Concept:

- A voluntary association of schools with the mutual desire to create safer conditions for students and staff on the school premises.
- A willingness to share learning and experience with each other.
- A commitment to the development of policies and practices that will ensure greater compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and lead to higher levels of competence and training for staff.
- A system to measure progress towards a safer school and provide recognition for milestones that have been achieved.

Purpose:

- To act as a clearing house for information, case studies and examples of best practice.
- To provide schools with a roadmap and resources that will assist them to achieve greater levels of safety.

Method:

- Schools will indicate their desire to become members of the association by submitting an application to COALSAS@sacredheart.co.za.
- The application must be accompanied with a completed HIRA (Hazard Identification Risk Assessment).
- Once this has been submitted a certificate will be sent indicating that the School is a COALSAS member. The school will also be included on the mailing lists for information, case studies and best practice.

Composition:

- Schools to volunteer if they want to be on the formation committee (email COALSAS@sacredheart.co.za)
- Committee to decide on the structure and processes of the Coalition.
- Committee to map out the constitution and management of the Coalition.
- Committee to create the PBO and Rules of membership and recognition

Any suggestions or comments:

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