Conducting Regular Impairment Screenings: A Proactive Approach to Workplace Safety and Well-being

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Workplace impairment threatens safety, productivity, and well-being. Embracing proactive impairment prevention programs protects your workforce, minimizes legal risks, and fuels performance. Regular screenings have many purposes and benefits such as identify potential issues early, paving the way for timely intervention and a healthier, more productive workplace.







Regular impairment screenings offer several key benefits:

- Early Identification: Identifies signs of impairment early on when interventions are most effective in preventing escalation and promoting recovery.
- Targeted Support: Allows organizations to provide targeted support and resources to affected
 employees, promoting their well-being and productivity.
- Safety Enhancement: Proactively reduces the risk of accidents, injuries, and workplace violence, enhancing overall workplace safety.
- Legal Compliance: Demonstrate due diligence and compliance with regulatory requirements.



Types of Impairment Screenings: Various types of impairment screenings can be employed, depending on the specific needs and context of the workplace:

- **Self-Assessment Questionnaires:** Allow employees to self-assess their physical, mental, and behavioral health can identify potential concerns.
- Performance-Based Assessments: Evaluating employee performance metrics, such as productivity, attendance, and error rates, can reveal potential signs of impairment.
- Behavioral Observations: Managers and colleagues can observe employees' behavior for signs of impairment, such as mood swings, irritability, or changes in communication patterns.



Ensuring Sensitivity and Non-discrimination: Screenings must be conducted in a sensitive and non-discriminatory manner to protect employee privacy and foster a culture of trust. Key considerations include:

- **Informed Consent:** Obtaining informed consent from employees before conducting screenings is crucial to ensure their understanding and willingness to participate.
- Confidentiality: Maintaining strict confidentiality regarding screening results and protecting employee
 privacy is essential to avoid stigmatization and encourage open communication.
- Non-discriminatory Practices: Ensuring that screenings are conducted fairly and without bias, preventing any form of discrimination based on individual characteristics or protected groups.

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