

COSATU and NACTU have formulated health and safety policies and have undertaken initiatives to inform affiliates of key health and safety issues. COSATU held a week-long seminar to plan for regional activities on health and safety and NACTU has established a Health and Safety Unit to assist affiliates, and has convened many seminars.

NACTU: Workers' charter on health and safety - 1988

Every worker should have the right:

- to report safety and health hazards;
- to be protected from victimisation for reporting hazards;
- to information for identification of and labeling of dangerous substances;
- to set standards on health hazards;
- to inspect the workplace for health and safety hazards;
- to accompany state inspectors on their inspections;
- to obtain copies of inspections, complaints and reports;
- to place infringement notices on company notice boards;
- to be informed by the employer of health hazards and potential dangers;
- to have records kept of injuries;
- to sue the state for failing to maintain effective standards;
- to participate in annual assessments and studies to improve working life through improving health and safety conditions.



NACTU has also passed resolutions:

- to investigate a national NACTU benefit fund scheme for its members;
- ensuring NACTU affiliates negotiate agreements which include women's health care as well as child care facility agreements at national and plant level;
- to establish health clinics for primary health care in various regions where the Federation is active.