How To Create Or Update A Procedure

Use/adjust these steps to create or update each policy, procedure or checklist that you have identified for your business/workgroup. Identify responsibilities & deadlines for each step. Treat it as a project.

- A. **IDENTIFY** THE TITLE & **DOCUMENT** THE PURPOSE.
- B. **DETERMINE** REQUIREMENTS BRAINSTORM.
- C. LOOK AT EXISTING POLICIES, PROCEDURES, MANUALS, QA, OH&S MANUALS, HEAD OFFICE, ETC. CONSULT PROCESS OWNER(S).
- D. SET THE STANDARD, DETERMINE THE STEPS/HOW TO'S, IDENTIFY LINKAGES, TOOLS & ATTACHMENTS, CHECKLISTS, ETC.
- E. DRAFT PROCEDURE & TYPE. USE SHORT "COMMANDS" AND START EACH ACTION WITH A VERB OR ACTION WORD (JUST LIKE THESE INSTRUCTIONS).
- F. CHECK COMPLIANCES (QA, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY, ETC.).
- G. TEST / CIRCULATE FOR COMMENT / REVIEW/ FEEDBACK.
- H. AMEND AS REQUIRED AND FINALIZE.
- I. SCHEDULE STAFF TRAINING/REVIEW WITH WORKGROUP AS APPROPRIATE AT MEETINGS, OR IN YEARLY PLANNER.
- J. OBTAIN APPROVAL/SIGN OFF.
- K. SET REVIEW DATE.
- L. ADD TO/UPDATE POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL, CONTENTS PAGE, REVIEW LOG, ETC.
- M. DISTRIBUTE.
- N. ADD TO JOB DESCRIPTION(S).
- O. UPDATE MEETING AGENDAS FOR PROJECT & ONGOING MONITORING, AS APPROPRIATE.

