



# 2026 SITE SAFE EVENING OF CELEBRATION AWARDS

Celebrating Health, Safety and  
Wellbeing in NZ construction and  
recognising our future safety leaders.



**SITESAFE**  
Te Kaitiaki o Haumarū

# ABOUT THE AWARDS

## Recognising the best in Health, Safety and Wellbeing!

Every year in March, Site Safe hosts the biggest industry event recognising health, safety and wellbeing.

For almost 20 years, the Evening of Celebration has honoured the standout individuals, teams, and businesses making Kiwi workplaces safer and healthier.

Winners take home a trophy—and a \$1,000 gift card courtesy of each award's sponsor.

## WHY ENTER?

Submit your entry for an individual, team or organisation who has inspired or demonstrated positive health and safety change by sharing your ideas and initiatives with like-minded people.

### **Be Recognised Nationwide**

Gain prestigious recognition for your dedication to creating a safer work environment.

### **Inspire the Industry**

Share your best practices and inspire positive change across diverse sectors.

### **Celebrate your People**

A strong health and safety culture fosters a thriving workforce, your most valuable asset.

### **Raise the Bar**

Benchmark your achievements and good work in front of influential experts.





**2024  
WINNER**

SAFETY LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR SMALL, MEDIUM OR  
LARGE BUSINESS

AWARDED TO

**NZS Group**

SITE SAFE CONSTRUCTION HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARDS





# WHO CAN ENTER?



Any small, medium or large businesses operating in New Zealand regardless of industry.



Any individual who works in New Zealand.



An individual, team or business may submit across more than one category with the same initiative and/or more than once within the same category with an unrelated initiative.

## When Are Winners Announced?

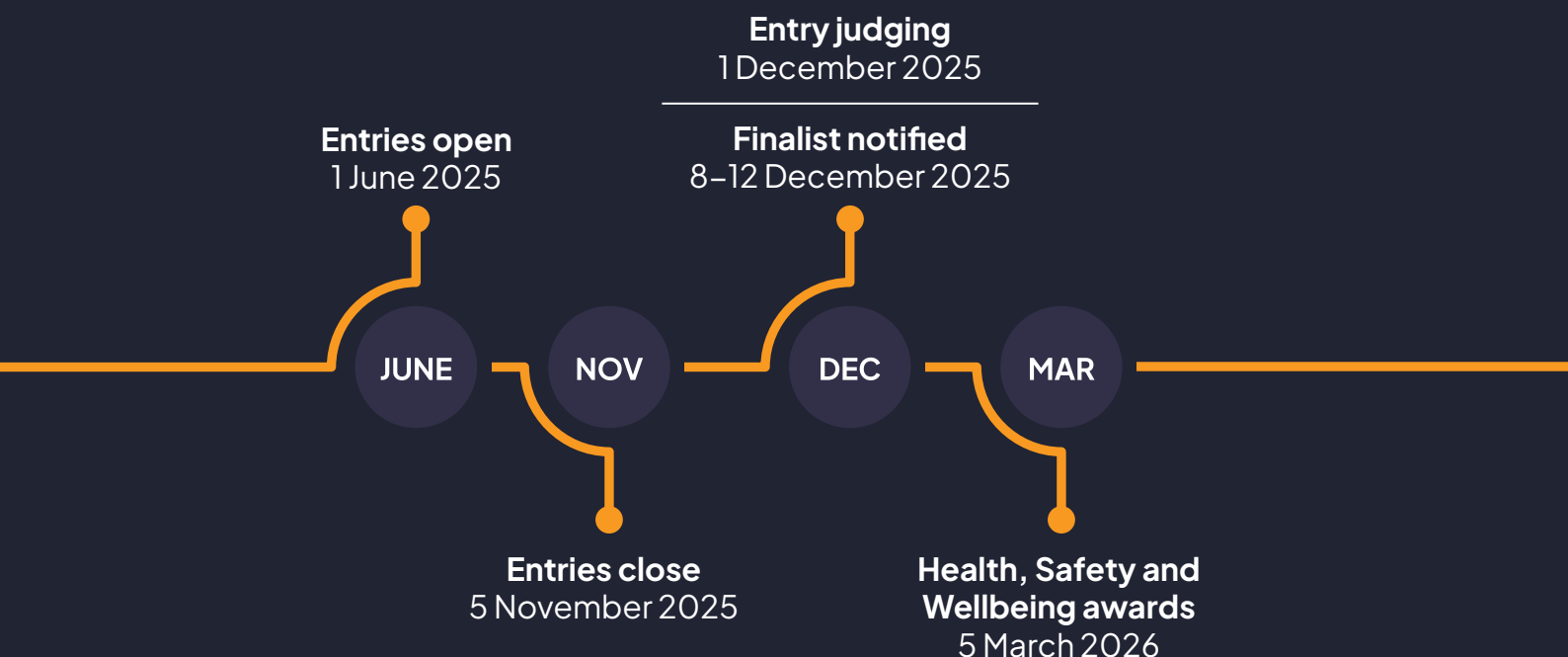
Mark your calendar—awards will be presented on **5 March 2026** at the **Due Drop Event Centre, Auckland**.

It's a night to remember as the event runs alongside Site Safe's graduation for recipients of the New Zealand Certificate in Workplace Health and Safety Practice.

**Finalists receive two free tickets** to join the celebration.

**SUBMIT YOUR AWARD ENTRY TODAY!**

## Key Dates:









# HOW TO ENTER

## Entry Checklist:

### **Set the scene**

Give us the backstory. What was the problem, challenge, or opportunity that sparked change?

### **Tell the transformation story**

Describe the actions taken, solutions introduced, and the key roles individuals or teams played.

### **Highlight the impact**

How did your initiative improve health and safety systems, or inspire safer behaviours and positive change?

### **Show the results**

Share the tangible outcomes. How did your idea, project, or people deliver real, lasting impact to health, safety and wellbeing?

### **Keep It Clear and Compelling**

Make your entry easy to follow and focused on the positive impact on health, safety and wellbeing.

### **Add the Extras (Optional)**

Got photos, videos, or supporting material? Feel free to include them!

## WHAT IS THE ENTRY PROCESS?



Entrants are encouraged to submit their entries in PDF format via email to:

**[awards@sitesafe.org.nz](mailto:awards@sitesafe.org.nz)**

Each entry requires:

Completion of the entry form which may be downloaded from the Site Safe website:

[www.sitesafe.org.nz/2026\\_awards](http://www.sitesafe.org.nz/2026_awards)

Supporting evidence which can be sent via PDF (e.g. video or images).



## How Long Should An Entry Be?

Most entries should be able to be described in no more than three pages outlining how your idea/initiative/project/person contributed positively to health and safety.

## Can I Enter More Than Once?

Yes! Just make sure you submit each one as a new entry.

## Need Help?

For more information about the awards process, or if you need help with submitting your application, please contact the Site Safe team.

**Email:** [awards@sitesafe.org.nz](mailto:awards@sitesafe.org.nz)

**Phone:** 0800 SITE SAFE (748 372)

**Entries close 5 November 2025**

# WHO JUDGES THE AWARDS?

Judging is carried out by a diverse panel of four:



An independent health and safety expert in construction



An employee representative



A construction industry representative



A Site Safe representative

## What Judges Are Looking For

### Proven impact

Entries must show real, measurable benefits to health, safety and wellbeing.

### Innovation

Thinking outside the square to improve how things are done.

### Leadership

Inspiring others to get involved and support the change.

### Scalability

Ideas that can be adopted industry-wide for lasting progress.

### Positivity

Making health, safety and wellbeing something people genuinely want to be part of.

## Conditions of Entry

- Judges reserve the right to move an entry to a different category.
- Judges accept each entry on good faith as a fair and accurate. However, judges can contact the entry's nominated referee to seek clarification.
- The judges' deliberations are confidential. No correspondence will be entered into.
- Judges may provide feedback on request on reasons why an entry may not have been successful.
- Finalists will be contacted between 8–15 December 2025.



# AWARD CATEGORIES

## There are seven categories available for entry:

### **SAFETY INNOVATION AWARD – SMALL TO MEDIUM BUSINESS (1–50 EMPLOYEES)**

This award is for a small to medium company demonstrating the best new thinking in health, safety and wellbeing. This could be an innovative way of doing things, a new technology, a leading-edge product or forward-thinking initiative to drive improvements in health and safety systems or behaviours, address or manage a specific hazard or risk, create a design solution to address a problem, or to improve productivity.

### **SAFETY INNOVATION AWARD – LARGE BUSINESS (50+ EMPLOYEES)**

This award is for a large company demonstrating the best new thinking in health, safety and wellbeing. This could be an innovative way of doing things, a new technology, a leading-edge product or forward-thinking initiative to drive improvements in health and safety systems or behaviours, address or manage a specific hazard or risk, create a design solution to address a problem, or to improve productivity.

### **SAFETY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

This award is open to organisations of any size and individuals in leadership roles who are championing health and safety. This award recognises initiatives where organisational leaders have taken visible, hands-on action to drive health, safety, and wellbeing—whether by shaping a strong safety culture, making safety a positive part of daily work, or demonstrating bold leadership in challenging the status quo.

### **SAFETY CONTRIBUTION AWARD FOR A TEAM**

This award recognises teams that has showcased outstanding collaboration, commitment and results in workplace health and safety. This award acknowledges teams who have excelled at implementing effective safety initiatives, nurtured a strong safety culture, and achieved significant, measurable improvements in their health and safety performance.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY CHAMPION AWARD**

This award recognises people or teams onsite that might not have 'health and safety' in their job title, but they're the ones that everyone turns to for advice, guidance and support. They care about people and have a deep commitment to health, safety and wellbeing. They ignite ideas, encourage change, and inspire those around them to take action to keep people safe. This award honours those champions whose passion and approach has a positive ripple effect on health and safety across teams, worksites and the wider construction industry.

## THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AWARD

This award honours those making mental health matter onsite and beyond. Whether it's a company, team, organisation, or individual—this category recognises outstanding efforts to support the mental wellbeing of construction workers, colleagues, and mates. It's about more than just ticking boxes—it's about genuine care, bold initiatives, and creating a culture where people feel seen, supported, and safe to speak up

## THE FUTURE SAFETY LEADER AWARD

This award celebrates a rising star—someone with less than five years in the industry who's already making waves. We're looking for individuals who show real promise, take initiative, and make standout contributions to health, safety and wellbeing. They're not just doing the job—they're inspiring others, driving change, and shaping the landscape of safety in construction – a future safety leader!

# LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This prestigious honour is awarded solely at Site Safe's discretion to individuals who have devoted their life's work to advancing health, safety, and wellbeing in the construction industry. Chosen by Site Safe's Board, this award is not open for nomination. It stands as a tribute to decades of dedication, leadership, and lasting impact.









