A message from the CEO

Dear Colleagues,

This week’s eNews includes an article about how to improve your influencing skills which is an area of work that I share in common with health and safety professionals.

My working life is littered with a plethora of failures in this area, dotted with the occasional success. Most of both are occasioned by a bull-at-a-gate attitude. The thing I have to keep re-learning is that different circumstances require different approaches.

As you look at your next intractable problem, and notice your current tactic is driven by your own default character traits, consider the prospects of taking a new approach.

Have a great week.

David Clarke, CEO

LATEST NEWS
How OHS professionals can improve their influencing skills

There is significant room for OHS professionals to improve their influencing skills, according to an expert in the area, who said that “influence” is the number one word which comes up or is implied when OHS professionals describe they challenges or barriers the face.

Read More

Insufficient sleep costs economy $17.88 billion

Insufficient sleep costs the Australian economy $17.88 billion (which represents 1.55 per cent of Australian gross domestic product) while the estimated non-financial cost of insufficient sleep is $27.33 billion (4.6 per cent of the total Australian burden of disease for the year), according to recent research.

Read More

Construction industry safety blitz underway

An ongoing construction industry safety blitz in NSW has revealed widespread safety failures

Heavy vehicle safety breach hotline opens

Heavy vehicle drivers and supply chain employees can confidentially report potential
when working from heights, according to NSW Minister for Better Regulation Matt Kean.

Read More

safety breaches via a new secure reporting hotline.

Read More

Work Health Survey

When we think of safety practices, we think about PPE, machine guards and how to properly lift a box. The term ‘workplace health’ however, is harder to define as many terms are used interchangeably to describe different concepts and initiatives. An individual’s or organisation’s understanding of these terms may also differ.

We are undertaking a work health survey to measure what workers understand the term ‘health’ to mean in the context of work health and safety.

This survey, along with a literature review, will help guide and shape our future work, and may form part of a larger consultation project and/or used to inform upcoming projects or workplace initiatives around workers’ health.

For a chance to win, tell us about your work health now.

Prize draw closes 20 July 2018.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Tasmanian Safety Symposium & Trade Show

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

The 2018 Symposium and Trade Show will provide our members and State with access to Australia's leading WHS professionals, researchers and legal minds.

It will showcase contemporary trends and emerging issues that will challenge the way you look at traditional safety leadership and compliance.

The Trade Show will expose you to Tasmania's leading safety suppliers and vendors, who share the Safety Institute's vision.

Date: 17 July 2018
Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm (AEST)

Register here

SA Safety Symposium 2018 - Call for Speakers

The Safety Institute of Australia is pleased to invite OHS professionals, academics and researchers in the field of Health & Safety to submit an “Expression of Interest” to present at the 2018 South Australian Safety Conference.

The one day conference will explore the theme: PSYCHOSOCIAL RISK AND SAFETY CULTURE.

If you wish to submit an expression of interest, please complete the online submission form

Date: 11 October 2018
Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm (ACST)

Register here

FOR MORE EVENTS CLICK HERE
INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

QLD: No risk assessment costs worker his life and company $250,000

An industrial rope access company has been fined $250,000 and its director $30,000 following the death of a worker at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Read More

NT: Sanctions accepted over fishing vessel fatality

NT WorkSafe recently accepted an enforceable undertaking from an Australian fishing company Austral Fisheries Pty Ltd and will withdraw charges against the company related to death of a deckhand in 2013.

Read More

NSW: 3 incidents recorded at Lightning Ridge opal fields

WA: Worker receives multiple foot fractures after exiting forklift
Three recent incidents have generated significant concern regarding the implementation and use of safe systems of work associated with accessing and egressing from open shafts and shaft security in general at the Lightning Ridge opal fields.

A West Australian worker sustained multiple fractures to one foot after the forklift he was operating ran over him.

FOR MORE INCIDENTS AND PROSECUTIONS CLICK HERE

POLICY NEWS

Feedback requested on modernising WA work health and safety laws

The Western Australian Government is seeking feedback on the proposals to modernise the state's work health and safety laws.

QLD: Work safety codes toughened to better protect workers

Queensland is toughening the status of its codes of practice and moving them back to their position under laws which deemed codes or an equivalent standard had to be complied with.
NSW: Further funding for nation-leading quad bike safety program

The NSW Government recently announced a further investment in the NSW Government's Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program to total $3.7 million.

Read More

QLD: Safety alert over falling objects from personnel and material hoists

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland recently issued a safety alert highlighting the risk of falling objects when zip ties (or cable ties) are used to attach weights to the outside of personnel and material hoist cars.

Read More

FOR MORE POLICY NEWS CLICK HERE