CEO MESSAGE

What does it mean that 75% of the health and safety profession are men?

Depending on the industry, it varies a little one way or the other - but broadly speaking, of every four people who work in Health and Safety three are men and one is a woman.
As a student of human behaviour, I have my own views of some of the impacts of this statistic. What do you think?

**Whatever your gender**, I believe this is something worth talking about and reflecting on – and we are doing just that at our national **Women in Leadership Forum** on **Thursday 8th September in Sydney**, following the annual National Safety Convention on 6-7 September, along with a fantastic group of other speakers.

This is not something just for women. Regardless of your gender, and especially for those with workforce management responsibilities, this is going to be a really interesting day so come and be part of a conversation. **Click here.**

It’s just another part of an **exceptional** week in Health and Safety, from 5-8 September in Sydney. The **program** is exceptional. **The price** is exceptional. **Interstate attendees** get a FURTHER discount.

See you there – and have a great week.

Dave Clarke
CEO
Safety Institute of Australia

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**NEWS & UPDATES**

**How Queensland Rail reduced its TRIFR by 68 per cent**

A holistic threefold safety strategy has helped Queensland Rail reduced its total recordable injury frequency rate (TRIFR) by 68 per cent over the past 6 years, according to its general manager safety, assurance and environment, Greg Fill.


**Warning over increase in farm injuries and deaths**

In the first half of 2016, 30 people have died as a result of on-farm incidents and a further 44 have been involved in non-fatal incidents that were serious enough to make the media, according to the Australian Centre for Agricultural Health and Safety.


**How to minimise manual handling injuries**

If workers are complaining of soreness after a particular task, this is indicator that an employer needs to assess the
risks of manual handling in the workplace, according to WorkCover Queensland.

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**Low awareness of OHS in commercial property sector**

A WorkSafe WA inspection program of commercial property owners and property managers has revealed a generally low level of knowledge about workplace safety responsibilities.

The program was conducted throughout most of the 2015/16 financial year, and focused on the owners and property managers of small to medium sized shopping centres.

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**Caution issued over windy weather and safety hazards**

SafeWork SA recently issued a warning to builders and subcontractors to secure or put loose items away on their worksites, after the Bureau of Meteorology issued a forecast for damaging winds.

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**POLICY NEWS**

**VIC: quad bike rebate scheme aims to improve safety**

Victorian farmers are being encouraged to take part in a $6 million rebate scheme to help reduce quad bike deaths in Victoria.

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**WA: safety reminder on hazards of fragile roofing materials**

WorkSafe WA recently issued a reminder to employers about the hazards of working on or near brittle or fragile roofing materials.

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**SWA issues guide to help workers with cattle handling**

Cattle handling can present significant risks to workers including injuries and fatalities, from being crushed, gored,
trampled, hit or bitten by cattle, according to Safe Work Australia.

Read more...

WA: safety inspection program for takeaway food outlets

WorkSafe WA is undertaking a proactive inspection program to look at safety issues in takeaway food outlets.

Read more...

INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

Lack of remorse a factor in $800,000 fine over worker’s death

A Melbourne recycling company that went out of business soon after one of its employees was crushed to death under a homemade lifting device has been convicted and fined $800,000 in the County Court.

Read more...

WA: Council fined $110,000 over death of man at refuse site

Western Australia’s Shire of Waroona has been fined $110,000 (and ordered to pay $8336.30 in costs) over the August 2013 death of a man at its Buller Road refuse site.

Read more...

WA: Crushing Services fined $60,000 for arc flash incident

Western Australian company Crushing Services International (CSI) has been fined $60,000 following an arc flash incident at Atlas Iron’s Wodgina iron ore project in the Pilbara.

Read more...

Warning over personal locator beacons after man stranded

Prospectors have been reminded of the importance of being prepared when travelling in remote parts of Western Australia, including carrying some form of GPS-based emergency distress beacon, following the stranding of a man in an isolated part of the Goldfields.

Read more...
Reminder: SIA Board Directors Voting Close 5pm Monday 29 August 2016

Voting has now commenced to fill two vacancies on the SIA Board of Directors. All financial SIA Members can vote on their preferred candidates in the following ways:

Vote online by clicking here by 17:00 hours (5:00pm) (AEST) on Monday 29 August 2016;
or
Download the direct voting form. Please note this form must be submitted to the SIA national office in person, or by post prior to 17:00 hours (5:00pm) (AEST) on Monday 29 August 2016.

IMPORTANT: For your vote to be valid you MUST provide the postcode listed in your online member profile OTHERWISE your vote will be invalid. You can check your member details at https://sia.org.au/members.

Call for comment in review of ISO45001 Standard

The Safety Institute of Australia is seeking input from SIA members and the wider OHS community into the current review of ISO standard 45001.

We consider this an important review of the standard, and believe it is beneficial to, demonstrate to Standards Australia that our industry members can contribute significantly to this upcoming standard.

The SIA still has the opportunity to influence the Australian position on this international standard with significant participation and consensus from our members in this survey.

If you are interested in commenting on the some of the recommendations which the SIA believe are critical to the development of the new international OHS management system standard, please complete our online survey here.

Safety on Tap interview with Dr David Borys

Recognising the need to bring more and better professional development opportunities to our members, the SIA has collaborated with the Safety on Tap Podcast to bring you exclusive interviews with this year’s National Convention speakers, in the lead up to the 2016 gathering which will be held on 5-8 September 2016 at the Sydney Showgrounds.

Listen as Dr David Borys, from RMIT University fill us in on the talk he is giving for the 2016 Wigglesworth Memorial Lecture, entitled Two windows to clarify the enigma that is health & safety, PLUS a sneak
peek at the 'intelligent risk management' workshop he is also running
during the Convention.

In this discussion you will hear:

A contrasting perspective on health and safety 40 years ago, and David's
view today

David's take on what we know, whether all that knowledge has actually
helped improve health and safety, and why.

- How David took on James Reason and left him without a good response
- Some simple and free ideas for us to try and improve health and safety

Whether you are getting along to the 2016 National Safety Convention or not, you'll enjoy this chat with
David.

New chemical database provides easy access to chemical information

A new, easy to search chemicals database is available on the Safe Work Australia website.

The new database features classification and labelling information for over 4,500 chemicals, including pictograms as well as a searchable database of workplace exposure standards.

The Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) provides information on chemicals that have been classified in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

VIC OHS Regulations Reform - Have your say

Victoria's Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007 (OHS Regulations) and Equipment (Public Safety) Regulations 2007 (EPS Regulations) are due to expire in June 2017. WorkSafe Victoria (WorkSafe) is required to review and remake the OHS and EPS Regulations by this date.

Public comment is now invited on the proposed OHS and EPS Regulations, and Regulatory Impact Statement. Public
comment will be open until close of business on Friday 9 September 2016.

We encourage all Victorian SIA members to share their views by providing comment to the proposed documents using the attached Word document template and returning it to the Victorian Branch at vcomsia@gmail.com before COB Friday 2nd August.

Read more...

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

5 Aug     Art of Work: Appreciative Investigations - Brisbane
12 Aug    Art of Work: Appreciative Investigations - Sydney
12 Aug    SIA WA Annual Branch Meeting
18 Aug    SA Safety Seminar: OHS 70 years on: Seminar 2
19 Aug    SIA Sunshine Coast - Even more back to basics
22 Aug    SIA TAS - Construction WHS Issues
23 Aug    Using Risk to Inform Safety Strategy
24 Aug    SIA Webinar: Planning for fire, evacuation & emergency
31 Aug    OHS Regulations Reform Project - Public comment information sessions