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Take the Lead #WorldWHSday2017

Dear Colleagues,

Friday 28th April is World Day for Safety and Health at Work and Workers Memorial Day.

This is a day to honour and reflect on the 45 work place death's that have occurred within Australia so far in 2017.

Throughout the day, companies around the world will be taking the lead in workplace safety.

Some examples include:

- honouring the memory of those who have died at work and stopping for a moment of silence
- promoting World Day for Safety and Health at Work and Workers' Memorial Day in your workplace:
 - organising a morning or afternoon tea to talk about work health and safety
 - arranging for a safety expert to speak at your workplace

- o attending a local workers' memorial event with your colleagues or family.

I invite and encourage you all to participate in the day in some way.

Have a great week.

Dave



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NEWS & UPDATES

What's over the horizon for OHS compliance & risk management?

There has long been a strong focus on the development and implementation of safety management systems, however, more is needed in order to take the next step in improving safety outcomes within organisations, according to a leading OHS lawyer.

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How to communicate great safety messages

When communicating about OHS it is important to be clear about the "why" behind the communication, according to an expert in organisational communication, who explained that OHS professionals need to ensure safety communications need to be as "worthwhile and meaningful" as possible.

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Quad bike manufacturers lambasted over poor safety standards

The Australian Centre for Agricultural Health and Safety recently criticised quad bike manufacturers for poor safety standards, off the back of statistics which show there has been little change in the number of on-farm fatal injuries for the first quarter of 2017.

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World Day for Safety and Health & Workers' Memorial Day slated for 28 April

Safe Work Australia (SWA) has encouraged employers to recognise World Day for Safety and Health at Work and Workers' Memorial Day on Friday 28 April 2017.

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VIC: Regulator calls on regional employers to prioritise safety


**TASMANIAN
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WorkSafe Victoria recently called on all regional businesses and workers to prioritise safety to help drive down the number of workplace deaths and injuries across Victoria.

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POLICY NEWS

NSW: Safety alert issued over pneumatic air tool fitting fails

NSW's mines inspectorate recently issued a safety alert following an incident in which a worker was struck on the forearm with compressed and foreign particles when a swivel fitting on an air hose detached from the pneumatic ratchet he was using.

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NOPSEMA issues safety warning over collared eyebolts

The National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) recently issued a safety alert about using collared eyebolts as lifting equipment following an incident involving mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU) crew who were replacing the diverter on a MODU facility operating in Australian waters.

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WA: Employers reminded about injury reporting and investigations

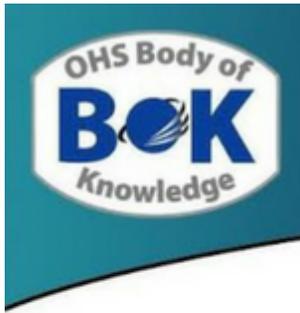
WorkSafe Western Australia recently reminded employers about their compliance obligations when it comes to injury reporting and investigation, and issued detailed guidelines on the process for organisations.

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NSW: Safety alert issued over safety risks and working from height

NSW's mines inspectorate recently issued a safety alert following an incident in which a worker was injured after falling from height.

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

SA: Cleanaway fined \$650,000 over Adelaide chemical fire

Waste management company Cleanaway has been convicted and fined \$650,000 over a chemical fire in Adelaide that injured an employee.

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NSW: Construction company fined after worker injured in fall

A Sydney construction company has been fined \$135,000 after a 49-year-old worker was injured in February 2015.

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SA: Saxon Energy Services fined \$210,000 for safety breach

Saxon Energy Services Australia has been convicted and fined over an incident in which two workers were injured on a drilling rig platform.

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VIC: Regulator investigating ride incident at Rye

WorkSafe Victoria is investigating the circumstances surrounding a recent incident in which a five-year-old boy suffered serious injuries and subsequently died after falling from a carnival ride in Rye.

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2017 Wigglesworth Awards - Nominations Now Open!

The SIA Eric Wigglesworth OHS Education (Research) Award provides an opportunity for PhD, doctoral and masters graduates investigating OHS-related issues to be recognised by the Safety Institute of Australia. The award does not necessarily recognise the highest academic achiever, but rather those graduates of Higher Degrees by Research who demonstrate a significant contribution to the OHS body of knowledge.



The winner of the award will receive a professional development fund to the value of \$3,000. The educational institution of each winner will also be recognised with a commemorative plaque. Nominations can be made by the thesis supervisor, a peer of the nominee or the graduate via self-nomination. The nomination page can be found [HERE](#).



Take the Lead - World Safety Day

World Safety Day is on Friday 28th April. This is a great opportunity to bring Safety matters to the forefront of your organisation for the day. If you have any stories or photos to share, please email Emma at emma@sia.org.au to include in the next edition of e-News.

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When was the last time you logged in to your SIA Member profile online? If it's been a while, or if you have never accessed your profile, you are missing out on some very valuable Members-only resources.

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TASMANIAN SAFETY SYMPOSIUM



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TUESDAY 18 MAY 2017 | TASMANIAN HOCKEY CENTRE

Tasmanian Safety Symposium

The Tasmanian Symposium speakers have been confirmed! Register [HERE](#) now to secure your place.

Speakers will include:

Michael Tooma - Michael is the Global Head of Clyde & Co's OHS practice. He has written and lectured extensively on OHS law and is the author or co-author of over 20 books.

Marissa Dreher - Director of Dreher Legal, Marissa has acted for local, national and international companies at both state and federal levels regarding OHS matters.

Peter Wilkinson - With over 27 years OHS working experience under his belt, Peter now works as a consultant in enterprise risk management for high risk industries.

David Dilger - David combines his technical legal expertise in industrial relations and safety with a wealth of practical general workplace relations experience achieved in a number of senior executive management roles.

Read more [HERE](#)

RESEARCH STUDY



Understanding and preventing injuries in hot conditions



Call for volunteers to assist with heat prevention safety research

University of Adelaide is undertaking a project to better understand the circumstances underpinning workplace injuries that occur in hot conditions. The project is funded by the Australian Research Council and will be examining the relationship between hot weather and workplace injury, and exploring stakeholders' and workers' perceptions. The ultimate aim is to facilitate resources to aid in the prevention of heat-related occupational injuries.

The team are looking for volunteers to assist with the research. The research team are looking for Work Safety professionals to volunteer to assist with this research in the below capacity:

- Online questionnaire surveys are available for health and safety professionals and health and safety representatives. These are anonymous and will take 10-20 minutes to complete. Questions relate to heat-associated risks, experiences of injuries, and implications for productivity loss.
- Interested people can also make general comments about their experiences and views on the prevention of heat-related injuries via a short (5 minute) online survey.
- People who have had an injury while working in hot conditions can participate in a confidential interview (face-to-face or via telephone) lasting 30-60 minutes. Interview participants will receive a \$50 gift voucher.

For more information about the research, please click [HERE](#) or contact alana.hansen@adelaide.edu.au, telephone (08) 8313 1043.

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

28 April	SIA - WA - Injury Alarm Workshop
2 May	Communication Excellence Workshop 2017
3 May	SIA NT - OHS Breakfast Seminar
4 May	SIA VIC - Young Safety Professionals Meet Up
12 May	SIA Sunshine Coast - OHS Seminar
18 May	SIA Brisbane - May OHS Seminar
18 May	Tasmanian Safety Symposium and Trade Show 2017
19 May	SIA Gold Coast - May OHS Seminar
21 May	Visions Conference 2017

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