

Safety

More Help to Understand New Workplace Health and Safety Laws

A second and expanded round of briefings on Victoria's new Occupational Health and Safety Act has been announced by WorkSafe.

Thirty briefings will be held in metropolitan and regional centres beginning May 12 running through to June 8. Separate sessions on workplace injury insurance are also being held in conjunction with the OHS Act sessions.

WorkSafe's Executive Director, John Merritt, said the briefings reflected WorkSafe's commitment to ensuring a smooth transition to the new Act, coming into effect on July 1.

"This is an opportunity to get detailed information about changes to Victorian health and safety legislation and ask questions.

"The basic principles of the old legislation remain, but there are some important changes that employers and employees need to understand."

As part of the health and safety regulator's program to inform Victorians about the Act a hard-copy free summary of the new Occupational Health and Safety Act had also just been produced.

The "Summary of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004" is available by calling WorkSafe on 1800 136 089 or by visiting WorkSafe offices across Victoria. An online version of the summary is available on the internet at www.worksafe.vic.gov.au.

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