

Free Onsite OH&S Consultation (Victoria)

Master Grocers Australia is offering 50 Victorian member businesses employing up to 50 staff a free OH&S consultation.

The consultation includes:

- A compliance audit which involves reviewing your OH&S documentation and systems.
- A safety audit, including photographs of potential hazards/risks.
- A report detailing high, medium and low risk areas and advice on how to rectify them.

The results of the audit will assist in ensuring your business is doing everything possible to protect its staff and customers and are not shared with anyone other than the store owner/manager on site.

The audits, conducted by our OH&S specialist represent approximately \$500 value.

MGA offers training and resources for all your OH&S needs. For assistance please ask for Allison or Michael.

To register for a free consultation please complete the expression of interest form on our website at www.mga.asn.au.

First Aid Training

As part of our ongoing service offer to members MGA is in the process of securing preferred providers for the delivery of Senior First Aid training in all states and territories.

The selection and monitoring of preferred providers by MGA will ensure that our members can be sure they are receiving a consistent, credible and compliant qualification, delivered at a very high standard which meets the needs of an independent business owner.

Details of preferred providers will be available on our website www.mga.asn.au and in the magazine as we secure their services.

The MGA Training Team is committed in its mission to provide the 'best' training solution for your independent business and would love to hear about your individual needs.

Please contact Allison or Michael to discuss your thoughts or requirements.

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Death Reinforces the Dangers of Confined Space Work

WorkSafe Victoria is investigating the death of a 42-year-old man while working inside a steel tank at Altona North.

The tank was used for chemicals and was undergoing maintenance. It is believed he was working alone before being found by workmates around 3pm.

WorkSafe's investigation is at an early stage, but Executive Director, John Merritt, said the death confirmed the extreme danger of work in confined spaces.

"Limited means of entry and exit, poor ventilation and the presence of toxic gases and vapours all pose serious risks to workers in confined spaces."

"These are issues for people even retail (refrigerated storerooms etc). It's not uncommon for incidents to result in multiple fatalities because other workers who are unaware of the risks, or who are attempting a rescue, can also be overcome by toxic vapours or gases or submit to low oxygen levels".

"There is also a risk of a fire or explosion from the ignition of flammable materials or gases, "

This recent incident was the 18th work-related fatality reported to WorkSafe Victoria this year. There were 18 deaths at the same time last year.

WorkSafe's 'Health and Safety Guide to Working in Confined Spaces' published in May can be found online at www.worksafe.vic.gov.au.

Printed copies are available by calling 1800 136 089.

Floor Matting is your Responsibility

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