

Talk It and Walk It

SOS – Switched Onto Safety

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Winter Newsletter

What We Got Up To

The past three months (March-May 2016) have been very busy with

- OSH Compliance Audit's
- Quality Compliance Audit's
- OSH Suitability Audit's
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- Chemwatch Training
- Development of Mass Management/Loading and Dimension System's
- Hazard Identification Training
- OSH Mentoring – Nursery
- Mass Management/Loading and Dimension System Training

If your organisation or you know of others looking for these types of services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Current Topics of Interest

AS/NZS AS 4801 and ISO 45001 Update

ISO 45001 is the new international standard for occupational health and safety (OH&S) management and will replace the existing OHSAS 18001 standard. Standards Australia Committee for AS4801 has decided that the existing AS 4801 will not be updated until the new international standard, ISO 45001 is published in 2016 (at this stage October 2016). The new ISO standard is currently being developed by a committee of occupational health and safety experts, and will follow other generic management system approaches such as ISO 14001 and ISO 9001.

Advice – Tips and Hints

Tips for the workplace

Improve Awareness about Spill Kits – In the event of a spill of hazardous materials, improving workplace awareness of spill kits can prevent and mitigate a potentially horrific disaster. Along with fire prevention and extinguishment devices, spill kits can stop the spread of contaminants from further adversely affecting the workplace. In addition, spill kits also contain components which can be utilised to protect and aid workers affected by chemicals spills as well.

Spill Management



For all your Spill Management products and services, contact us!

Birthday

We also celebrated Guy's 50th Birthday with a surprise party. Fun was had by all!

THINK

Do it the safe way, do it the right way, do it everyday

Our Team

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Megan LeNoir – Business Manager

Guy LeNoir – Company Director / Principal

Margaret Della – Office Manager

Emily LeNoir – Business and Marketing Development

Stuart Platt – OSHQE Consultant/Auditor/Trainer

Peter Liron – Senior Consultant/Auditor

Welcome

(New clients in last 3 months)

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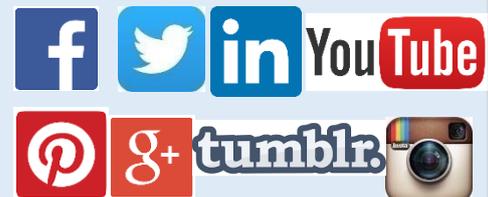
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Statistics

Mobile Plant

WorkSafe WA Operations Directorate routinely identifies a number of priority areas across industries, which are targeted for enforcement and compliance activities in order to reduce the occurrence of work-related injuries and promote safe work practices. The high-risk nature of the work in these areas means that they are likely to have a higher incidence of work-related injury and disease. One



of these is Mobile Plant.

- Examples of mobile plant include forklifts, ride-on mowers, cement mixers, harvesters, road rollers and earthmoving equipment.
- 11 work-related traumatic injury fatalities were associated with mobile plant during the period 2009-10 to 2013-14 – averaging just over two per year. The highest recording year in the five-year period was 2012-13 with four fatalities. Two work-related traumatic injury fatalities involving

mobile plant were notified to WorkSafe during 2013-14.

- The lower back, shoulder, fingers and knee are the most prevalent areas of the body affected by injuries involving mobile plant.
- The age group experiencing the largest increase in mobile plant LTI/Ds during 2013-14 compared to 2009-10 is the 55 – 59 year old age group with 33.3% (from 57 in 2009-10 to 76 in 2013-14). The 20-24 age group experienced the greatest reduction in LTIDs over the same period (-27.8% from 90 to 65).



Environmental Spot

Global Warming Milestone About to be Passed and There's No Going Back

Within the next couple of weeks, a remote part of north-western Tasmania is likely to grab headlines around the world as a major climate change marker is passed. The aptly named Cape Grim monitoring site jointly run by CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology will witness the first baseline reading of 400 parts per

million (ppm) of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, researchers predict. "Once it's over [400 ppm], it won't go back," said Paul Fraser now a retired CSIRO fellow. The most recent reading on May 6 was 399.9 ppm, according to readings compiled by the CSIRO team led by Paul Krummel.

More Information can be found at;

<http://www.watoday.com.au/environment/climate-change/global-warming-milestone-about-to-be-passed-and-theres-no-going-back-20160509-gqocm0.html>

Industry News

Approved Codes of Practice

Codes of practice provide guidance for employers, contractors, people in control of workplaces and workers. For the assistance on the management of safety and health hazards and risks associated with an issue and some of the relevant requirements under the Western Australian Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 (OSH Act) legislation.

Approved codes of practices for Western Australia can be found at;

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/approved-codes-practice>

Seek Safety

Aim Safety

Follow Safety

Ensure Safety

Teach Safety

Yield Safety

Safety in Winter

“Winter is coming”. This means increased absentees and new hazards in the workplace. While there is no need to stop work during winter, there is a need to review your Risk Management Processes.



According to St John Ambulance Australia, colds and flu cost Australian companies more than \$7 billion in lost time each year. That is 1, 500, 000 days of work. If you are an employer, are you prepared to manage sick day entitlements?

It is important to note that staff who are sick at work can do more harm than good. Employees working with colds and flu are at an increased risk of a range of hazards like manual task accidents, slips, and falls.

Those workers who find themselves fit and healthy for work are faced with another dilemma. Extra layers of clothing and gloves can make manual tasks awkward. This can lead to additional strains resulting in soft tissue injuries. Wet weather can also result in slippery surfaces causing hazards.

A review of your Risk Management Process could identify additional hazards and levels of risk to employees. Control measures should be considered in accordance with a hierarchy of control. This sets out the hazards that should be

eliminated where about reasonably practicable or controlled by substitution, isolation and/or engineering control measures. Lower order control measures such as administrative and personal protective equipment should be considered, in many cases, with higher order control measures.

Considering that the weather is generally out of the employers control, elimination of risk is usually unlikely, unless the outdoor work can be postponed to a more suitable day or can be undertaken in a temperature controlled environment.

Engineering control measures may include installing shade structures or installing heating or cooling in vehicle cabins and warehouses.

Business owners can also implement administrative control measures which limit the time spent in cold, outdoor environments. By limiting particular tasks to hours of the day that are more suitable can also ensure the safety of your staff.

Adequate first aid arrangement needs to be in places, such as a trained first aider and access to a first aid kit. Your seasonal risk assessment may identify that additional first aid supplies like a heat blanket or ice pack are required.

Workers can be buddied up to keep an eye on each other. In this situation, it is important that each worker knows the signs and symptoms of heat/cold stress.

The addition of personal protective equipment (PPE) is likely to work well in combination with higher order control measures already

taken. This may mean supplying a weather proof jacket and gloves in cold weather.



So with the right approach combined with the right tools, any business can adapt to changing work environments and still meet their legal obligations.

Quick Tips

- Keep Floors Dry
- Keep Pavements and Car Parks Clear
- Ask Staff to Report Any Damage
- Carry Out Premise Checks
- Guard Against Common Winter Illnesses
- Have a First Aid at Hand



"Wake up with determination. Go to bed with satisfaction"



"Talk it and Walk it"
Celebrating 20 years

CHEMWATCH

Corner Competitions

Well what can I say, but that our (Stuart and Megan's) visit to Chemwatch in April was most beneficial and exciting. With all the changes that have been happening with the system it was great to get the run down on these changes, the little tip bits that can assist clients and the new products that are now up and running ie. SiSoT (Scan In Scan Out Technology) and Approvals. These two in addition to the GoldFFX functions make up Chemeritus. During the last 2 months we commenced the fortnightly Chemwatch Tip Bits emails. These appear to be a welcomed initiative be our clients with numerous people wishing to be added to the group.

If you would like any further information regarding products we have mentioned or would like to be added to our group who receive the Tip Bits, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are continuing with our competition relating to our obligation free one-hour site inspection and report. Details are as follows. This competition entails the first five, Perth Western Australian company representatives to follow us, during the next three months, on the [SOS – Switched Onto Safety company LinkedIn company page](#). Email us via our [website](#) with your contact details (email, phone number, business) and your LinkedIn name.

In relation to naming our safety man. The suggestions for a name that have been raised are:

- Gus
- Safety Sam
- Bob the Safety Dude
- Safety Steve
- Rex

You can now vote on which one you think is the best by clicking on the link and completing the details.

[Contact Us>Email Us](#)



Holiday

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Special Mention

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SOS – Switched Onto Safety proudly supporting Camp Quality via the Family First Aid Manual advertising.

Moonspark Holdings are now accredited with their Mass Management/Loading and Dimension System, proudly developed by SOS – Switched Onto Safety

Contact

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If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us direct on **(08) 9295 0311** or for further details on what SOS can provide, refer to our website www.switchedontosafety.com.au

Next Time!

Upcoming Events
Chemwatch Public Course

12th of July 2016

28th of September 2016



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