



SAFETY ALERT

Model WHS Act / Traffic Management Plans

Safe Work Australia Members met in Melbourne on 20 November 2012.

Progress on implementing the model work health and safety (WHS) laws

The WHS laws commenced in the Commonwealth, ACT, NSW, NT and QLD on 1 January 2012. The WHS laws have passed in Tasmania and South Australia with a commencement date of 1 January 2013. Other jurisdictions provided status reports on implementation.

Model WHS Codes of Practice

Members endorsed by majority 12 further Codes of Practice as part of the harmonised WHS laws subject to minor technical and editorial changes:

- Tree trimming and removal work – crane access method
- Safe design, manufacture, import and supply of plant
- Scaffolds and scaffolding work
- Formwork and falsework
- Working in the vicinity of overhead and underground electric lines
- **Traffic management in workplaces**
- Industrial lift trucks
- Amusement devices
- Cranes
- Managing risks of plant in rural workplaces
- Managing risks of forestry operations, and
- Managing cash-in-transit security risks.

Members also endorsed a set of traffic management guides to support the *Code of Practice on Traffic Management in Workplaces*. If approved these 12 codes will become model WHS Codes of Practice.

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Legislative Requirements:

The Model WHS Act is yet to be implemented in WA. Further information on this subject can be accessed at http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/content/About_Us/Legislation/National_model_act_FAQs.html

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