

FOUNDATION FOR MANAGING SAFETY

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What's new this month?

The start of the new year is a good time to plan personal and professional development for yourself and your team. Join us at our first two-day Foundation for Managing Safety Workshop of the year. For other courses available see page 6 for our full calendar.

Everyone is aware of the growing trend of electric cars, but we are yet to fully understand all the benefits and potential pit-falls of this new technology. We explore one aspect of heavier electric vehicles.

This month we welcome a new team member, Vivek Ravi.



Gary Rowe, CEO

Stay Safe!

Safety Webinar – 10th February 10am

We invite you to join us at **10am on Friday 10th February** for our free monthly webinar to keep you up to date on workplace health and safety. Gary and the team present short informal sessions of only 20 to 30 minutes on topical issues and answer your questions.

Register [here](#)

Missed our last webinar? View them [here](#)

Welcome Vivek Ravi



Safety Action would like to welcome Vivek Ravi as our new Safety Administrator.

Vivek's possesses a Bachelor of Environmental Engineering from Deakin University and is currently undertaking a Certificate IV in Workplace Health and Safety. He has recently completed a three-month WHS student internship program at McConnell Dowell. Vivek wishes to forge a career in the WHSE field. We look forward to introducing him to our clients and friends over the coming weeks.

Foundation for Managing Safety

Safety Action is running a public version of our popular 2 day “Foundation for managing safety” course (previously called Safety Leadership) on the 21st and 22nd of February 2023. Attendees will learn the skills and foundational knowledge to effectively and practically manage health and safety in their workplace.

Our experts in health and safety will guide the participants through foundational topics including effective communication, safety legislation, what to do and not to do when there’s a safety incident, risk assessments, review work procedures and conduct safety talks and positively change behaviours.



“Everything I thought I knew about safety law was wrong”
Metro Manager

The course is from 8am – 4pm each day, at Toyota Altona. Don’t miss out on this chance to build your skills to maximise your safety initiatives throughout the rest of 2023.

Book now: Early bird special of \$980+GST when booking before the 6th of February. (normal price \$1,500+GST). Includes catering, training materials and a comprehensive manual full of lessons, tools and material to support your health and safety actions when you return back to your workplace.

“I wish I had done this course 20 years ago”
Manager Melbourne Water

Book your place [here](#) or [contact us](#) for more information

Breakfast Briefing- Free Event Machinery & Digital Technology

Join us on **Tuesday the 27th April from 7.30am to 9am.**



Safety Action Conference Room, Clayton.
Enjoy breakfast and networking with like-minded colleagues.

More details to come.

[Book now.](#)

High number of Limbs or Digits Lost in Workplace Incidents

Victorian workers suffered more than 150 amputated body parts in 2022. Most of these body parts amputated were fingers or thumbs. WorkSafe Victoria accepted a total of 137 claims for workplace amputation injuries in 2022.

The industry with the most amputations was manufacturing, accounting for 45% of claims, with construction making up 15% of claims.



Eight companies were prosecuted by WorkSafe after workers sustained amputations in 2022. Fines and court costs totalling \$256,094 were imposed.

All amputations are traumatic for the worker and co-workers.

WorkSafe Victoria is urging employers to ensure all machinery is properly guarded and operated safely to avoid amputation injuries.

How Can Safety Action Help?

Amputations and serious machinery injuries can be prevented by assessing equipment to find amputation risks and fixing hazards. Safety Action can conduct the assessments for you or train your team for sustainable results.

Zero Access Program

Safety Action has developed a Zero Access machinery safety training program and delivered it world-wide to assist organisations in identify hazards and eliminating injuries arising from machinery.

[Contact us](#) if you would like to discuss this highly acclaimed program.

Machine Guarding Assessment

Our safety consultants are experts in undertaking Machine Guarding assessments to our Zero Access standard and can deliver these assessments for you.

[Contact us](#) to discuss a machine guarding assessment at your workplace.



Electric Vehicles Pose Safety Threat

A recent report by the US National Transportation Safety Board has highlighted new safety implications that are emerging from the electric vehicle trend.

Electric SUVs and utility trucks can weigh twice as much as their petrol or diesel equivalents, and you may have noticed every year our utes and SUVs are getting bigger.

The larger electric SUVs and pick-up trucks in North America can exceed four (4) tonnes, and other road users in lighter conventional vehicles are at greater risk of serious injury in a collision.



The report notes that demand by consumers for more range in electric vehicles is leading to bigger and heavier batteries. They go on to state "bigger, heavier batteries are going to cause more damage (in accidents)", that is pure science.

The NTSB also pointed out that electric vehicles will likely require new test procedures, equipment, and possibly new facilities to conduct appropriate crash tests on large heavy electric vehicles.

However, the good news is that electric vehicle occupants will likely be well protected eg Rivian R1T electric vehicle became the first electric pick-up to receive the top safety rating in the US last December.

Safer Internet Day



February 7th is World Safer Internet day. A global event to help create safer online spaces.

Technology has evolved dramatically in the past two decades and the benefits have been huge. These developments have also exposed us to many risks with real-world impacts, making online safety awareness even more important.

For more information [click here](#) or visit [eSafety](#).

2023 Training Calendar

For Enquiries or Bookings: Phone: 03 8544 4300 Email: enquiries@safetyaction.com.au Website: www.safetyaction.com.au

Training Course	Course Length	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Safety Leadership	2 days	21-22			16-17				13-14		
Strategic Safety Planning workshop for 2023	1 day										
Strategic Planning	1 day										9
Safety & Error Management	2 hrs			28							
Safety Law	1/2 day				4				5		
Measuring & Benchmarking Safety	1/2 day			4							
Chemical Safety	2 hrs									10	
Laboratory Safety	2 hrs					15					
Hazardous Chemicals Workshop	1/2 day					15					
Safety Law Refresher 2023	2 hrs						5				
Contractor Management	1/2 day							3			
Workplace Dusts	1/2 day				11						
Incident Investigation	1/2 day					6					
Rack Inspections	1/2 day									19	
Safety Inspections	1/2 day									19	
Risk Assessments	1/2 day				9						
Machine Safety	1/2 day							17			
Traffic Management	1/2 day		9								
Crisis Management	1/2 day						18				
Workplace Mental Health Assessment	1/2 day			13							

Note: If interested we can run any of these sessions at your premises

National Safety Days 2023

We have compiled a list of important National and World safety days and weeks during 2023. This list is not conclusive so please let us know of any extra days and events you participate in at your workplace [here](#).

Month	Date	Safety Day
February	7 th	Safer Internet Day
March	3 rd	World Hearing Day
April	7 th 28 th	World Health Day World Day for Safety and Health at Work
May	1 st – 7 th 14 th – 21 st	National Heart Week National Road Safety Week
June	1 st 5 th 14 th	Injured Workers Day World Environment Day World Blood Donor Day
August	Month	Tradie's National Health Month
September	Month 2 nd 14 th 29 th	National Fire Protection Month Walk to Work Day R U Ok? day Police Remembrance Day
October	Month 10 th 19 th	National Safety Month World Mental Health Day Ride to Work Day
November		National Asbestos Awareness Week

I told a joke over a
Zoom meeting...
It wasn't even
remotely funny.

