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Safe Work Australia Publishes 9 Packages of National Guidance Material & 12 Codes of Practice Approved in NSW

July 2014 has brought another update to Work Health and Safety (WHS) legislation with a suite of draft model Codes of Practice having been agreed by the majority of Safe Work Australia Members as National Guidance Material. In addition, 12 Codes of Practice published by Safe Work Australia have been approved in NSW in July, providing practical guidance to achieve health, safety and welfare requirements under WHS legislation.

This latest change is the result of the Select Council on Workplace Relations request for Safe Work Australia to review 12 draft model Codes of Practice in order to ensure clear, concise and practical guidance whilst considering all sectors of business (including Subject matter Experts) without compromising safety standard or imposing any further regulatory burden.

Safe Work Australia has published 9 packages of National Guidance Material for the following, available from the Safe Work Australia website (<http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/>):

- Workplace traffic management;
- Managing cash-in-transit security risks;
- Managing risks in forestry operations;
- Industrial lift trucks;
- Amusement devices;
- Safe design, manufacture, import and supply of plant;
- Working in the vicinity of overhead and underground electric lines;
- Formwork and falsework; and
- Scaffolds and scaffolding work.

In NSW, 12 Codes of Practice published by Safe Work Australia have been approved under section 274 of the *Work*

Health and Safety Act 2011. Notices of approval for the 12 Codes of Practice were published in the NSW Government Gazette, with the Codes of Practice commencing on Friday 18th July 2014.

The 12 new NSW approved Codes of Practice are:

- First aid in the workplace;
- Construction work;
- Preventing falls in housing construction;
- Managing electrical risks in the workplace;
- Managing risks of hazardous chemicals in the workplace;
- Managing the risks of plant in the workplace;
- Safe design of structures ;
- Excavation work;
- Demolition work;
- Welding processes;
- Spray painting and powder coating;
- Abrasive blasting.

With a clear and practical approach, the newly published guidance material and NSW approved Codes of Practice should assist businesses to more easily achieve risk management goals in related areas of safety.

For further information on how these codes of practice may impact your workplace, feel free to contact:

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