

# prensa update

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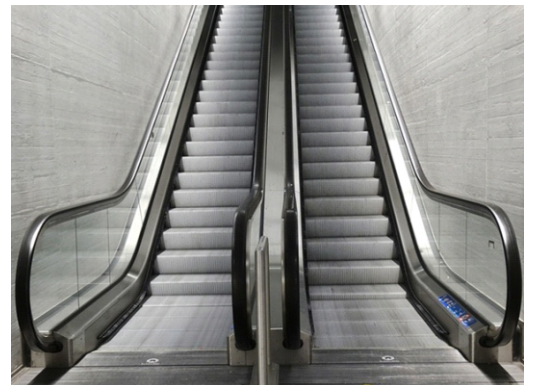
## Worksafe Shopping Centre Inspection Campaign

WorkSafe (WA) has recently announced that it will be commencing a proactive inspection campaign, focusing on owners and managers of shopping centres.

In its media release announcing the campaign, WorkSafe (WA) has reinforced that Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) obligations extend to all areas where owners and managers have some control of the premises. These areas will therefore cover car parks, footpaths, common access ways, stairways, garden areas, escalators, rooftops, lifts, loading docks and all common areas. Although there may be limitations of governance over the day-to-day operations by property owners, the Regulator intends to focus on parties that have high level control over these sites.

WorkSafe inspectors will be visiting regional and metropolitan shopping centres in Western Australia throughout 2015/16 to check that OHS duties have been met on a broad range of matters including:

- Contractor management;
- Construction and refurbishment activities;
- Vehicle and traffic movement;
- Fire prevention and emergency management;
- Working at heights;
- Plant and machinery;
- Slips, trips and falls;
- Electrical safety;
- Hazardous substances; and
- Asbestos management.



WorkSafe WA has released a publication “*OSH for commercial property owners and property managers*” to highlight the areas that will be targeted as part of the inspection program which is accessible via:

[http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/atoms/files/commercial\\_property\\_owners\\_property\\_managers.pdf](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/atoms/files/commercial_property_owners_property_managers.pdf)



Prensa has a dedicated OHS team that can assist in meeting your legislative obligations and effectively manage risk in each of the OHS matters subject to the inspection campaign.

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