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Action on construction site safety

As the building construction industry digests the implications of workplace health and safety harmonisation, it needs to keep a watchful eye on new technologies that enhance safety and productivity.

Changes to systems and processes under harmonisation, which will commence on 1 January, and implementation of the changes, will take time.

However, technological innovation is continuous, making it a challenge to keep up to date and competitive.

Safety In Action, to be held concurrently with Melbourne Materials Handling at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre, April 17-19, 2012, will offer safety managers and supervisors the most convenient and effective way to keep track of the latest products and services.

Further, visitors will be able to network and learn from industry experts through a number of free industry knowledge centres.

Melbourne Materials Handling will cover several management disciplines including warehouse and operations, site management, production and maintenance, and equipment operations.

Attendees can explore what's new in automatic identification, bulk handling, conveying equipment and accessories, waste management, lifting equipment, logistics and supply chain technology, packaging and equipment, storage and warehousing.

Free WorkHealth Checks

At the WorkHealth stand, free, quick and confidential WorkHealth checks will be on offer on all three days of Safety in Action. You can also sign up your workplace for the free checks at workhealth.vic.gov.au

The checks test for risk factors associated with type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease, two of the most common yet preventable chronic diseases, and take just 15 minutes.

The checks include a brief lifestyle survey together with measurement of blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar and waist circumference. Results and advice on healthy lifestyle habits are provided on the spot.

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WorkHealth is an initiative by WorkSafe Victoria to reduce the impact of chronic disease in the Victorian workforce.

Take five

Safety information should always be a priority. The Tennyson Group stand will show its specialty - Take 5 Safety books - along with an array of other printed safety items including durable signage, safety tags and pre-start checklist books

The Take 5 book allows holders to accurately and promptly report hazards in the workplace and complete a simple Risk Assessment, while also offering safety tips that are simple to follow.

It comprises of two duplicate NCR Pads (Hazard Report and Personal Pre Task Risk Assessment), 10 double-sided vinyl pockets to hold safety tips and contact information, and a laminated risk assessment card for users to accurately assess their risk.

Diadora boot the right fit for Merv

Good work wear is essential on construction sites. Made in Europe, and designed with trademark Italian style and flair, Italian Sports Brand Diadora is presenting a new Range of Utility Safety Boots.

Merv Hughes, who played in Diadora gear during his spectacular cricketing career, will be at the Diadora stand to engage with visitors interested in the ideal Safety footwear for the streets, mines and worksites.

New global STS Side Transpiration™ Technology in two models in the Utility collection allows feet to breathe, increasing comfort, concentration and performance, while reducing the risk of blisters and fungal infections by keeping feet dry.

While on the subject of work wear, Huski is renowned for its high quality safety wear, outdoor workwear, reflective jackets and high visibility industrial workwear and uniforms.

At the Palazzi stand will be shown the Huski ARC rated waterproof jacket and pant, now available as stock service. The blaze jacket and flame pant are also flame retardant and anti-static.

Huski is famous for making workwear that lasts, and the new range of protective clothing is designed to ensure Australian 'sparkies' last too. The range now includes Ladies Fit Hi-Vis D/N jackets, which feature zip-off sleeves to form a vest. Also new for 2012 are D/N polo shirts and D/N 100% cotton shirts in long and short sleeves.

Flexible drives

Flexible Drive Agencies (FDA) is known for its broad range of mechanical and electromechanical products with applications across every key industry sector including mining, automotive, industrial, marine, agriculture and defence.

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Headquartered in Melbourne, FDA has branches in all mainland capitals.

On display at the show will be GO Light 360 degree revolving remote control lighting; Honeywell wireless remote switching systems; ECCO LED quality and robust work lamps; low speed vehicle warning systems; load restraint products for tautliners; chain ratchet binders; ute, truck and tray restraint systems; and manual remote valve actuator systems for oil, gas and sewage.

FDA staff will be happy to discuss their safety products in detail at their stand.

Safe gas storage

The need for convenience and ease of access to high-pressure gas cylinders often contends with that for safe, reliable and secure storage in the workplace.

To meet these constraints, VISIONSafe has recently added the Australian-made Bottlechock, a unique cylinder restraint system to keep cylinders secure and protect staff, and valuable gauges and equipment. The clamp maintains full contact to restrict horizontal and vertical movement, and holds different cylinder diameters.

Bottlechock is available in kits that can hold from one to four cylinders in separate, individual chocks in a single bracket for use in a ute or industrial workplace.

The Bosbox stand will feature a new, tough 63A poly model as part of an expanded range of wall-mounted power distribution modules ideal for workshop or generator sets.

These heavy-duty powerhouses have IP66 rated enclosures and are available in standard configuration or customisable to requirements. Bosbox, an Australian-owned company, can also build special plugs, sockets switches at short notice.

Life saving lockouts

If the definition of safety is keeping people out of all dangerous situations, an effective safety padlock is crucial. At the Master Lock stand, visitors can check out the innovative S31 safety padlock designed to fit smaller diameter lockout points.

Constructed from Zenex™ a durable non-conductive material, the Master Lock S31 incorporates a 4.76mm marine grade 316 stainless steel shackle that will function effectively in corrosive environments. Weighing just 75g, the S31 is easy to carry and comes with a weather tough cover designed to keep out dust, dirt & grime.

The S31 is available in nine UV resistant colours for fast visual identification of departments or work teams and comes complete with permanent, write-on danger ID labels. Additional accessories and services are available, including laser engraving of company logos or employee names.

Squeeze on carbon footprint

Miltek Waste Solutions says customer enquiries have significantly increased with the impending introduction of the carbon tax this year [2012].

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The reason is that Miltek manufactures a wide range of high quality compactors, which reduce the carbon footprint by turning cardboard, plastic, steel cans and EPS (polystyrene) into compressed waste bales.

At the Miltek stand, visitors will also learn how Miltek can convert the traditional waste disposal costs of businesses into income, by encouraging recycling. Miltek uses a unique, air compressor driven method, or electro-mechanical for larger machines.

The above is just a sampling of what will be exhibited at Safety in Action and Melbourne Materials Handling.

The shows will have products and services of interest to managers in warehousing, logistics, site management, maintenance, QA, production, OHS, risk, forklift management and project management, as well as foremen, building contractors, plant managers, union representatives, emergency services personnel, rehabilitation coordinators, occupational therapists, engineers and despatch managers.

Safety managers and operators should note that after Safety in Action, the next major safety exhibition will be the WA Safety Show, to be held 7-9 August 2012 at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre, followed by The Safety Show Sydney, Sydney Materials Handling and CleanScene on 23-25 October, 2012, again at Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park.

To register or for more information, go to safetyinaction.net.au or call 03 8672 1200.

Safety in Action & Melbourne Materials Handling

Tuesday	17 April 2012	10am - 5pm
Wednesday	18 April 2012	9am - 5pm
Thursday	19 April 2012	9am - 4pm

Venue: Melbourne Exhibition Centre

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