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**For SupplyChain Review**

## **How Innovation Can Aid Supply Chain Safety**

Despite the best of intentions, the harmonisation of OHS laws across States, Territories and the Commonwealth is not proceeding as intended.

The aim of harmonisation is to make businesses safer and more productive, with workers enjoying the same safety standards no matter where they live and work.

Harmonisation laws were to have been adopted by 1 January. However they have only been passed in NSW, Queensland, the ACT, NT and the Commonwealth.

The South Australian and Tasmanian Bills have been blocked in the upper houses. Victoria says it will delay harmonisation by 12 months and WA has made no commitment to the harmonised laws.

Businesses can't wait for harmonisation to lift productivity and workplace safety, however. Technology has a huge part to play, which is why Safety in Action, to be held in conjunction with Melbourne Materials Handling at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on 17-19 April, is a must for safety managers and supervisors.

Safety In Action will offer them the most convenient and effective way to keep track of the latest products and services.

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, logistics and supply chain technology, packaging and equipment, storage and warehousing, waste management and listing equipment.

### **Aid to manual handling**

Electrodrive focuses on making the workplace safer with custom engineered manual handling equipment to suit specific workplace applications.

Visitors to the Electrodrive stand can check out equipment ranging from tugs, power trolleys, waste bin movers and ride-ons for industrial requirements to motorised bed-movers.

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### **Flexible drives**

Flexible Drive Agencies (FDA) is known for its broad range of mechanical and electromechanical products with applications across every key industry sectors.

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.

### **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](http://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. 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.

### **Squeeze on carbon footprint**

Miltek Waste Solutions will showcase 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.



### **Diadora boot the right fit for Merv**

Good work wear is essential along the supply chain. Made in Europe, and designed with trademark Italian style and flair, Italian Sports Brand Diadora is presenting a new Range of Utility Safety Boots that allow feet to breathe.

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

### **Safety wear**

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.

### **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.

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 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 to foremen, building contractors, plant managers, union representatives, emergency services personnel, rehabilitation coordinators, occupational therapists, engineers and despatch managers.

*To register or for more information, go to [safetyinaction.net.au](http://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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