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Safety Innovation A Certainty

Businesses in NSW, Queensland, ACT and the Northern Territory – the States that have adopted OHS harmonisation – have 12 months to transition to the new regulations.

But those operating in Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia – the States that failed to pass harmonised laws by the 1 January deadline – have been let off the hook for a while.

The result is a confusing picture for some firms, especially those operating nationally, as to their responsibilities.

One certainty is that there will always be new technology around the corner to help improve workplace safety and lift productivity.

Safety In Action, to be held concurrently with Melbourne Materials Handling at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on 17-19 April, will give safety managers and supervisors a most convenient and effective way to keep track of safety innovation.

Body sensors

One interesting new development is ViSafe, breakthrough wireless sensor technology that measures movements and muscle activity of the lower back, shoulder and upper and lower limbs for people performing work tasks.

To be demonstrated at the dorsaVi stand, ViSafe uses small, low profile sensors, so workers can wear them unimpeded over a whole day while they perform their usual work tasks.

The data is recorded and assessed to provide an objective picture of how people move at work so organisations can then develop strategies to eliminate, reduce or better manage physical effort and injury risks.

Health At Work is a firm that provides health and well being services to corporations and industry Australia-wide, with programs designed to increase employee productivity, decrease absenteeism and reduce injury claims.

Health at Work will showcase services from health checks and massage to nutrition, from sun awareness and skin checks to cutting edge stress resilience.

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The aim is to empower a business's most valuable resource – its employees – to better look after their health and safety.

Work wear

Safety in Action will feature a range of work wear, including Huski safety wear, outdoor workwear, reflective jackets and high visibility industrial workwear and uniforms; Wujiang Hangseng Knitting's range of safety wear for hospital, medical, health care and other industries; Terry Safety Footwear; and Italian sports brand Diadora's new Range of Utility Safety Boots.

At the Electrodrive stand visitors can see how the workplace can be made safer by the use of custom engineered manual handling equipment ranging from tugs, power trolleys, waste bin movers and ride-ons for industrial requirements to motorised bed-movers that allow one person to effortlessly move heavy hospital beds.

The Victorian Government, through WorkSafe Victoria, will offer free, quick and confidential WorkHealth checks on all three days of Safety in Action. 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.

These are but a sampling of a vast amount of products and services aimed at improving safety, which will be of interest to managers across the board, including those in charge of offices, warehouses, logistics, despatch, OHS, risk, unions, plant, project management, emergency services, rehabilitation and occupational therapy.

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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