SAFEWORK NSW

LET'S TALK SAFETY BETWEEN DESIGNERS, MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLERS, SUPPLIERS AND USERS (SUPPLY CHAIN)

SafeWork NSW will focus on improving the flow of safety information to embed a safety landscape in NSW supply chains. By implementing a strategy to educate supply chain stakeholders, we intend to deliver on the NSW Work Health and Safety Roadmap commitment to reduce fatalities by 20% and serious injuries and illness by 30% by 2022.

A supply chain is defined by Safe Work Australia as a system of steps or processes involved in designing, producing, supplying and selling goods, substances or structures from raw material to end product; including disposal.

Educating all supply chain stakeholders of the role they can play in improving safety will lead to collaboration throughout the supply chain including better exchange of safety critical information among them.

SafeWork NSW will work with industry, from 2018 to 2022 and beyond, to identify areas to influence the exchange of safety information.

KEY FACTORS

- Products, plant, equipment, substances and structures must be designed as safe and without health risks. Hazards should be identified when designing and eliminated or minimised when elimination is not practicable. Thus, improved knowledge is required at the design and planning stages.
- Designers, manufacturers, importers, suppliers, constructors and service providers have specific duties under WHS legislation to consult and provide safety related information to each other.
- Installers, users and those maintaining plant, equipment and structures are reliant on safety information they receive from designers and manufacturers.
- Identifying hazards and risks to health and safety at the time of procurement, including the provision of health and safety related information, will improve the management of risks.

SAFEWORK NSW WILL COLLABORATE WITH INDUSTRY TO:

- Develop guidance material on WHS duties within supply chains.
- Promote existing processes that work well.
- Monitor supply chain obligations and ensuring duty holders are accountable with respect to serious incidents.
- Educate users on the safety information they should be receiving and using from designers or manufacturers.

Have the health and safety risks been eliminated or minimised?

Extract from Safe Work Australia’s Good Work Design Handbook
Let's Talk Safety Between Designers, Manufacturers, Constructors and Users (Supply Chains)

- Educate buyers and suppliers on the safety information to be exchanged and actioned.
- Develop a consistent format for the provision of safety information.
- Educate, and ensure safe installation, and supply of equipment and materials.
- Identify opportunities within NSW Government Procurement to apply greater emphasis on WHS.
- Reinforce the importance of consulting with workers at the time of procurement.

If you would like to be involved contact 13 10 50.

SafeWork NSW's Work Plan

Phase 1
- Collaborating with the amusement device and mobile crane industries selected to pilot and strengthen the exchange of safety information throughout the lifecycle of an amusement device and mobile crane.
- Identifying best practice for safety information exchange in the amusement device and mobile crane industries.
- Developing guidance material on WHS procurement duties within the design, supply, use and maintenance of an amusement device.
- Exploring opportunities to reach new designers at the tertiary level to encourage safe design.
- Exploring opportunities to strengthen NSW Government procurement to demonstrate best practice.
- Supporting NSW Government's Digital Plan by exploring options to apply Building Information Modelling (BIM) into Construction procurement.

Phase 2
- Apply lessons learned from the amusement device and mobile crane industries to other industries to strengthen the exchange of safety information throughout the lifecycle of a product.
- Apply lessons learned from the amusement device and mobile crane industries to develop guidance material on WHS duties applicable to supply or hire within other industries.
- Establishing ongoing relationships with new designers at the tertiary level to encourage safe design.
- Strengthening WHS requirements in NSW Government procurement.

Phase 3
- Developing a best practice model to be used as a guide to strengthen the exchange of safety information in NSW supply chains.
- Developing best practice guidance for exchanging safety information within high risk industries.
- Becoming a trusted resource for new designers at the tertiary level for information on safe design.
- Implementing improvements to WHS in NSW Government procurement.

Phase 4
- Assessing the strategy’s influence on NSW supply chains.
- Assessing the influence on new designers to design out safety risks and hazards.
- Assessing the impact from improvements to WHS in NSW Government procurement.
- Identifying if improvements have driven cultural change within NSW Government suppliers.
- Evaluating overall success.

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