

MANAGING HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

Providing Solutions Associated with Hazardous Chemical Management

SEMINAR – Melbourne Thursday, 23 February 2012

Managing hazardous chemicals safely requires effective consultation, commitment and resources. Many chemicals are classified as both hazardous substances and dangerous goods. Unsafe use, handling and storage of hazardous chemicals can result in a range of negative outcomes including cancer, skin disease, poisoning, respiratory illness, explosions and fire.

A quarter of all Victorian employees regularly use hazardous chemicals such as flammable liquids and gases at their workplace.

WorkSafe Victoria has warned businesses using chemicals to ensure that they are properly stored and managed. Workplaces found to be using hazardous chemicals in an unsafe manner can expect WorkSafe Victoria to act swiftly and enforce compliance with workplace health and safety laws.

Source: WorkSafe Victoria 2005 Media Release.

This seminar will provide you with practical solutions to deal with Hazardous Chemicals at the workplace.





A selection of recent Victorian prosecutions:

- Company convicted and fined \$135,000 – unsafe system of work whilst using two corrosive chemicals, employee lost sight in eye and had his eye removed to avoid continuous infections.
- An employee assisting another employee to drain a chemical container was seriously injured when the container exploded, resulting in burns to 75-85% of his body. Company convicted and fined \$90,000.
- An apprentice who set fire to a new workmate in a workplace “prank” was prosecuted by WorkSafe Victoria. Two other apprentices were also convicted and fined \$5000 each.

Can you afford these unwanted costs?

Many industry sectors use, handle and store hazardous chemicals at their workplace.

Does your business rely on the use of hazardous chemicals on a daily basis?

The good news is that the Managing Hazardous Chemicals seminar will give you practical information on how an effective hazardous chemicals management program can control these hazards before they turn into illness, injuries, deaths, fires or explosions.

TOPICS

- Introduction to hazardous chemicals
- WorkSafe Victoria’s expectations
- Management of hazardous chemicals
- Managing corporate responsibility, due diligence and responding to an incident
- Responding to an incident-case analysis
- Understanding and managing industrial gases

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Managers / supervisors
- Plant / warehouse managers
- OHS managers / co-ordinators
- Team members responsible for managing hazardous chemicals



PROGRAM

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8.15am	REGISTRATION	
8.30am	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Paul Felsovary Senior Adviser Ai Group
8.40am	INTRODUCTION TO HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS This session will provide participants with a national overview and update of key changes and actions required for workplaces in regards to hazardous chemicals in the workplace under both the Victorian and Model Work Health & Safety laws.	Paul Felsovary Senior Adviser Ai Group
9.00am	WORKSAFE VICTORIA'S EXPECTATIONS This session will provide you with the Victorian perspective on hazardous chemicals. The regulator will present the top 10 issues for employers and typical non compliance that they see in industry. WorkSafe will discuss their focus on hazardous chemicals; and to improve health & safety; and tools available to assist industry.	Alex Buckle WorkSafe Victoria
9.30am	MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS This presentation will provide participants with an understanding of management issues. Practical examples and tools will be provided to assist companies to meet their legal obligations. This session will explore the management of hazardous chemicals including risk management policies and procedures, employee competency, training and supervision.	Paul Felsovary Senior Adviser Ai Group
10.30am	MORNING TEA	
10.50am	MANAGING CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY, DUE DILIGENCE AND RESPONDING TO AN INCIDENT This session will examine Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) prosecutions where employers, directors and/or senior managers have been held liable following incidents involving the use of hazardous chemicals. This session will also review a company's legal obligations, to respond to an incident and manage incidents in relation to hazardous chemicals.	Meg Crawford Legal Counsel, VIC and Legal Practitioner Director Ai Group Legal
11.40am	RESPONDING TO AN INCIDENT-CASE ANALYSIS Hear from those who have to deal with incidents first hand. This session will provide participants with a case study / analysis of actual incidents that have occurred at workplaces. The session will cover what went wrong and lessons to be learnt by all.	Acting Station Officer Sutton Metropolitan Fire Brigade
12.20pm	UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING INDUSTRIAL GASES Hear from an industry specialist on practical solutions associated with the management of hazardous chemicals. Explore common industrial gases used at most manufacturing workplaces and key issues to ensure OHS compliance. Topics include: behaviour of gases, storage, bulk storage systems for the most common gas types and tanks versus cylinder storage – is there an advantage?	Steve Abbott Safety, Quality and Engineering Manager Coregas Pty Ltd
12.50pm	SUMMARY AND QUESTIONS	Paul Felsovary Senior Adviser Ai Group
1.00pm	CLOSE	

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SEMINAR REGISTRATION

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20 Queens Road
Melbourne VIC 3004

REGISTRATION:

8.15am – 8.30am

SEMINAR:

8:30am – 1:00pm

COST:

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\$308 per participant. Two or more registrations \$275 per participant

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\$400 per participant. Two or more registrations \$367 per participant

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