

Modern Workplace: Safer Workplace

An Australian Industry Blueprint for Improving Occupational Health & Safety

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KEY WORDS AND PHRASES IN THE ACCI OHS BLUEPRINT

“good safety records benefit businesses”

“a powerful business case for safer workplaces”

“the employee duty of care is as important as the employer duty”

“safety should be incorporated at the design stage”

“Australia has a good OHS record, but it can be better”

“the human and economic costs and consequences are profound”

“a lack of balance in existing legislation and court decisions”

“the trend has been to punish rather than prevent”

“leadership on OHS is required at all levels”

“Vision of...Australian workplaces free from death, injury and disease”

“safer communities from learning at an early stage safer habits, practices and procedures in everyday life”

“knowledge about personal and community safety and responsibility”

“managing risks, not necessarily eliminating all of them”

“accept shared responsibilities and take them seriously”

“safer workplaces start and finish with workplace culture and attitude, not regulation”

“new statements on the standard of the duty of care are required”

“recognise differing capacities of various employers, especially small and medium businesses”

“poor regulation undermines the commitment of employers and employees”

“increase national co-ordination of communications activities”

“it is unacceptable for an employer to not know what is expected of them by OHS regulators”

“the lack of national consistency, harmonisation and interpretation of OHS regulation”

“a system of enforceable undertakings should be an alternative to prosecution”

“increased awareness and training on OHS issues”

“OHS management should be viewed in the same business context as production, efficiency and cost control”

“if you can't manage safety, you can't manage”