

Event: AIHS Tasmanian Safety Symposium 2024

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1. Context

The Australian Institute of Health and Safety (AIHS) is the industry peak body for the workplace health and safety profession in Australia. State Branches support local member engagement and industry knowledge nationally. The Tasmanian Branch is holding a Safety Symposium for 2024 on October 17 at the Hockey Centre in Hobart.

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Every year in October we mark Safe Work Month. This year the theme for Safe Work Month is Safety is Everyone's Business.

2. Objectives

In keeping with this year's theme, AIHS Tasmanian Branch has put together a program to engage and upskill the whole team with two key themes:

- Safety in diversity- inclusion for safer innovative workplaces, creating safety capacity and capability by treating people as the solution
- Perspectives on justice and diligence- exploring how we measure safety success and react to safety failure

Recently updated laws and Codes of Practice in Tasmania make these topics front of mind. We have 3 keynote speakers on these topics.

In June, WorkSafe Tasmania adopted a new workplace Code of Practice – Sexual and Gender-based Harassment. We have Angela Hucker, from EPIC, talking about gender discrimination, how it manifests in the workplace, and what we can do about it, with Adam Nebbs and Fiona McCarthy as well.

In addition, new Industrial Manslaughter will soon be law in Tasmania, as it is in all other states. Our keynote speaker Joe Mullevey principal at Page Seager Lawyers, will outline what the introduction of these penalties means for organisations in Tasmania.

Measuring safety is critical for companies to understand their risk profiles. However, how companies do this can influence safe outcomes in positive and negative ways. We have Georgina Poole, author of "Random Noise: Measuring your Company's Safety Performance" on this vital subject of effective practices.

Safety is Everyone's business – and we need to work together more than ever before.

Whether you are in management, health and safety or HR, this Symposium is for you.

3. Facts and considerations

This Symposium is a great opportunity to hear from experts and get traction on some new and important topics in workplace health & safety (WHS). This year we are having a new panel forum, the Fireside, where delegates participate in a discussion with expert speakers.

Exhibitors such as WorkSafe Tasmania, Page Seager Lawyers, HSR Safety will be there with trade tables and information to provide resources and support to organisations attending.

There will also be an opportunity for networking and connecting with other organisations with full catering, easy parking and time for a social catch up between 4 and 5.