ASSIST INFORMATION SHEET:

Links to national, state and territory publications:

Workplace Health and Safety

This document provides links to websites that contain national and state specific support materials for compliance with health and safety legislation for protection from hazards and risks resulting from workplace activities. Also included are Australian Standards and non-government organisations that support workplace health and safety in schools.

NATIONAL POLICY

Safe Work Australia is an independent Australian Government Statutory body that coordinates and develops national policy and strategies to improve work health and safety and workers’ compensation in Australia. In order to achieve harmonisation (nationally consistent regulatory framework across all Australian jurisdictions) of the work health and safety laws across Australia, Safe Work Australia has developed a model Work Health and Safety (WHS) Act, model Work Health and Safety (WHS) regulations and model codes of practice.

These only become legally binding when they are formally enacted or passed by parliament in each jurisdiction. For information about state and territory government in Australia see http://www.australia.gov.au/about-australia/our-government/state-and-territory-government. Each state or territory is responsible for regulating and enforcing the laws in their jurisdiction. For links to your state/territory regulators see http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA.

At the time this information sheet was written, these model laws have been implemented in every jurisdiction except Victoria and Western Australia. For ‘Jurisdictional progress on the model work health and safety laws’ see the SafeWork Australia website http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/model-whs-laws/pages/jurisdictional-progress-whs-laws

Safe Work Australia website: http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au Search for model WHS Act, model regulations, model legislation, model codes of practice, licensing, Safe Work Australia publications including WHS information, chemical and biological safety, guidance material, fact sheets and national compliance.

COMMONWEALTH


licensed to self-insure under the ‘Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988’ see the ComCare website http://www.comcare.gov.au/the_scheme/the_src_act


STATES / TERRITORIES

Suggested search terms for links below include Work Health and Safety (WHS) legislation, WHS Act, WHS Regulations, WHS Codes of Practice, safety alerts, hazards, equipment safety and WHS inspections.

ACT


NSW


NSW Environment Protection Authority http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au

NT


**QLD**

Safe Work Australia ‘Queensland regulators’ Safe Work Australia website  

Current Information on Queensland legislation, Acts, Regulations and Parliamentary Bills can be found on the QLD Government Legislation website:  


**SA**

Safe Work Australia ‘South Australia regulators’ Safe Work Australia website  

Current Information on South Australian legislation, Acts, Regulations and Parliamentary Bills can be found on the SA Government Legislation website:  


**TAS**

Safe Work Australia ‘Tasmania regulators’ Safe Work Australia website  

Current Information on Tasmanian legislation, Acts, Regulations and Parliamentary Bills can be found on the Tas. Government Legislation website:  


**VIC**

Safe Work Australia ‘Victoria regulators’ Safe Work Australia website  

Current Information on Victorian legislation, Acts, Regulations and Parliamentary Bills can be found on the VIC Government Legislation website:  


**WA**

Safe Work Australia ‘West Australia regulators’ Safe Work Australia website  

Current Information on Western Australian legislation, Acts and Parliamentary Bills can be found on the Western Australian legislation website  

AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS (Need to be purchased from SAI Global)


AS 2243 - Safety in Laboratories Series (comes in 10 parts)

Click on blue underlined Standards web address to view cost and preview index

AS/NZS 2243.1:2005 Planning and operational aspects

AS/NZS 2243.2:2006 Chemical aspects

AS/NZS 2243.3:2010 Microbiological safety and containment

AS 2243.4-1998 Ionising radiations

AS/NZS 2243.5:2004 Non-ionising radiations – Electromagnetic, sound and ultrasound

AS/NZS 2243.6:2010 Plant and equipment aspects


AS/NZS 2243.8:2014 Fume cupboard

AS/NZS 2243.9:2009 Recirculating fume cabinets

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004 Storage of chemicals

AS/NZS 2982:2010 Laboratory design and construction

AS/NZS 3760:2010 In-service inspection and testing of electrical equipment

AS 4775-2007 Emergency eyewash and shower equipment