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Victorian Suburbs and Towns Targeted for Safety Inspections in 2010

WorkSafe Victoria has announced the times and places for targeted OHS inspections for this year in both metropolitan and regional areas.

List of Safe Towns, Safer Work Zones campaign for 2010

Town/Region	Dates 2010
Heidelberg	1 - 5 March
Williamstown	19 - 23 April
Bayswater	3 - 7 May
Bacchus Marsh	22 - 26 February
Portland	22 -26 March
Sale	17 – 21 May

WorkSafe has provided the following information about the special program called "Safer Work":

- Aim is to make Melbourne's suburbs and towns safer places to work.
- Concentrates on a particular suburb or town, and on small businesses which traditionally have limited contact with WorkSafe inspectors.
- Employers are given prior notice that workplace inspections will take place in a particular area, giving them time to carry out safety checks.
- WorkSafe Inspectors then carry out inspections, focussing on whether employers are meeting both their workplace safety and return to work obligations.
- If risks to safety are identified, employers may be able to take immediate measures to fix the problem. This is known as voluntary compliance.
- An inspector may also issue an Improvement Notice or Prohibition Notice for more serious safety breaches. This action will require an employer to take action within an agreed period and in the most serious incidents involving immediate risk, for the activity to cease until the risk is remedied.

What can you do?

This is an opportunity for all clients to get onto the front foot and do a stock take of OHS systems on any smaller operations that they have in the targeted areas and implement any required safety improvements before the inspectors call.

QBE can help you!

QBE offers a Risk Management Essentials OHS package which is made up of a broad range of OHS services some of which are available to clients of QBE at favorable rates. More information about the package can be provided by your Service Manager, Account or Business Relationship Manager or click here.

In addition, QBE offers a free OHS training program. For information and to register for the National Training program click here.

Vocam's online, eLearning safety training package, 'Safety-TV' may be particularly helpful in this case, as it allows you to provide verifiable OHS training, anytime, anywhere at a very attractive unit price, as a QBE customer. Please contact Matt Wilcox, Business Relationship Manager with Vocam for more details. Mention that you are with QBE in order to get greater value from your spend. Matt can be contacted on pH (03) 9809779 or via the following email address; mwilcox@vocam.com.

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