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Ipswich businesses to benefit from workplace safety boost

The Bligh Government is offering a free workshop for small to medium-sized businesses in Ipswich to improve the health and safety of their workers.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan and Member for Ipswich West Wayne Wendt announced today that the workshop would provide business owners and managers with ideas and systems that they could put in place to make their workplaces safer.

“The Queensland Government is committed to making our workplaces among the healthiest and safest in the nation, but we can’t do it alone,” Ms Nolan said.

“We want to ensure local businesses have access to the latest and best safety tips and this workshop will provide detailed advice on how to promote and support workplace health and safety among employees.

“Having positive workplace health and safety practices in place can improve the morale of workers, increase productivity and, therefore, the success of the business,” she said.

Wayne Wendt said the most common causes of injuries in the workplace were slips, trips, falls and inappropriate or excessive lifting.

“These types of injuries can easily be prevented by implementing appropriate workplace health and safety practices,” Mr Wendt said.

“Ensuring safety in the workplace is one of the most important challenges facing industry in Queensland.

“This workshop, which has limited positions still available, will give employers a chance to talk one-on-one with Queensland Government safety experts to identify areas where they can improve their workplace health and safety,” he said.

During the Managing for Safety – Tools and Techniques workshop course participants will:

- further develop skills to assess the content of existing health and safety systems
- assess and identify any missing or incomplete components in current systems and learn how to rectify them
- receive and use templates, tools and other materials to enhance existing systems
- learn how to evaluate and write safe work procedures, and
- identify the key components to a sound incident investigation process.

The workshop will be held on 4 March from 9.30am to 3.30pm at the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, 26 East Street, Ipswich.

The workshops are run by Workplace Health and Safety Queensland, which is part of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

People can register online at www.worksafe.qld.gov.au in the events section at the top of the screen or email safesmallbusiness@deir.qld.gov.au.

For further workplace health and safety information visit www.worksafe.qld.gov.au or contact the WHS Infoline on 1300 369 915 and ask for a small business advisor in your region.

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