



National
Health & Safety
Conference

Conference Program

Stronger **Together**

21 - 23 May 2024



A Warm Invite to the 2024 AIHS National Health & Safety Conference

Our 2024 National Health & Safety Conference is being held in Melbourne at the Melbourne Convention Centre from the 21st – 23rd of May under the theme 'Stronger Together'.

'Stronger Together' emphasizes the power of collaboration among industry bodies, regulators, workplaces, academia and more. By fostering partnerships and sharing knowledge, the conference aims to highlight the collective strength that comes from collaboration, enabling greater achievements and informed practices for the betterment of the profession.

The conference will encompass three days of workshops, presentations, keynote speeches, networking events and a Conference Dinner. Delegates will have the opportunity to learn from their peers, share knowledge and grow their professional networks.

Our 2023 Conference was the largest in our long 75-year history, and this year is set to be even bigger.

We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be an enlightening, engaging and collaborative conference.

Kind regards,

Julia Whitford,
AIHS Chief Executive Officer



Important Details

Where: Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
1 Convention Centre Pl, South Wharf VIC 3006

Registration Open: Tuesday 21st May 2024 0800 - 1700
Wednesday 22nd May 2024 0800 - 1800
Thursday 23rd May 2024 0800 - 1330

Getting There:

By Train

The closest station is Southern Cross. Once you exit the station, you can catch the 96, 109 or 12 tram routes and arrive at MCEC in just a few stops.

By Tram

Tram routes 96, and 109 (Stop 124A Casino/MCEC) will take you to our Clarendon Street entrance. Otherwise, tram routes 48 and 70 (Stop D5) take you to Flinders Street. From there, it's just a short walk up Clarendon Street until you reach MCEC.

By Bus

From Monday to Friday, bus route 237 goes via Southern Cross Station to Lorimer Street, which is roughly a five-minute walk to MCEC.

By Car

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre has a car park located within the Exhibition Centre. Car parks at the MCEC can be booked online from \$13 per day (limited online spaces available at this rate) or from \$15 per hour via Wilson Parking here. Additionally, there are secure car parks located in and around South Wharf including, South Wharf Retail Car Park (online booking from \$13), Siddeley Street Carpark, Freeway Carpark and Montague Street Carpark.

By Taxi or Rideshare

Ask your taxi or Uber driver to drop you off at MCEC's Clarendon Street entrance. There are two nearby taxi ranks – Crown, Clarendon Street and DFO, Convention Centre Place.

Accommodation: [Click here for exclusive accommodation rates](#)

Accommodation Link, the official Hotel Provider for the AIHS National Health & Safety Conference 2024 has negotiated accommodation discounts and secured a limited number of reduced-rate hotel rooms to make your trip to Melbourne cost-affordable.

Through the travel experts at Accommodation Link, rooms at the group rate are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. These reduced contracted rates will expire 30 days before the event so we recommend booking early for the best selection and price.

TUESDAY – 21st May 2024

08:00 – 09:00 Registration and Arrival Tea & Coffee

09:00 – 12.00
Including a morning tea break

WORKSHOP 1 – Redefining Safety: How to Ignite Trust, Collaboration and Innovation in Your Organisation

Presented by **Anthony Gibbs**, CEO Sentis

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Why 86% of organisations are stuck in a negative safety culture and what you can do to create a different safety experience!

Too often in our attempts to drive compliance and keep people physically safe, we overlook the holistic way in which people experience safety at work. Positive safety cultures consider not only physical safety experiences but also social connections and overall psychological safety resulting in high trust cultures, greater collaboration and a culture where safety is a shared value.

In this workshop you will be exposed to insights from over 60,000 safety climate survey respondents which in turn will lead you to:

- Be challenged to redefine your organisation's definition of the word safety. Gain a greater understanding of the employee safety experience and lay the foundation for higher trust, improved collaboration and better learning outcomes.
- Unpack what the research says about the interplay and impact of physical, psychological and social safety and the implications for safety improvement.
- Using data, review and apply practical tools that organisations can apply to build stronger physical, psychological and social safety leading to enhanced trust, collaboration, learning and safety innovation.

Whether your company has reached a safety plateau or is simply trying to accelerate its progress, this workshop is a must attend.

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 16:00
Including a afternoon tea break

WORKSHOP 2

Presented by **Everyday Massive**

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Everyday Massive is an award-winning, professional services company dedicated to improving the human experience in high-risk industries.

We know making a real impact requires putting people first. In this workshop, we'll dive deep into the power of human-centred design to create learning experiences that truly resonate with your teams.

We will focus on sharing insights and practical tools with frameworks designed to translate insights into action.

In this workshop, you'll walk away with:

- A fundamental understanding of how to take a human-centred approach to your organisation's safety culture and wellbeing.
- Skills to know how to tailor safety programs and initiatives that resonate with various employee groups.
- Tools to ensure safety changes have an enduring impact.

Get ready to explore techniques that not only capture attention but also transform the behaviours and cultures within your organisation. This session is a must for those looking to ensure their safety programs and initiatives connect and get results.

TUESDAY - Continued

16:00 - 17:00

Dr Eric Wigglesworth Memorial Lecture and Education Award Ceremony

But What Do the Numbers Really Mean? - Understanding and Communicating Burden and Risk Information to Workers, Employers, Ourselves and the General Public, Presented by Professor Tim Driscoll, Professor of Epidemiology and Occupational Medicine at the School of Public Health, University of Sydney



17:00 - 19:00

Welcome Reception

Venue: The General Assembly, 29 South Wharf Promenade

Dress: Casual



WEDNESDAY – 22nd May 2024

08:00 – 09:00 Registration and Arrival Tea & Coffee

09:00 – 09:10 Welcome to Country

09:10 – 09:20 MC Welcome, Housekeeping and Safety Briefing

Presented by Rae Johnston

09:20 – 09:35 AIHS Welcome and Award Presentation

Presented by Cameron Montgomery, AIHS Chair

09:35 – 09:40 A Note from our Principal Sponsor

Presented by ecoPortal

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09:40 – 10:40 Disrupt Yourself: Navigating Through Risk, Change, Uncertainty and the Unexpected

Presented by Capt Richard De Crepigny

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10:40 – 11:10 Morning tea

11:10 – 11:15 A Note about our Emcee

Presented by Evolve Recruitment

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11:15 – 12:00 Realising a better future for the health and safety of Australians together

Presented by Marie Boland, Chief Executive Officer, Safe Work Australia

12:00 – 12:45 Shifting Paradigms: How AI Transforms the Landscape of Safety and Regulation

Presented by S J Price, Partner, Stirling and Rose

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch and Networking in the WHS Show

**13:45 – 14:25
Breakout
session 1**

Play it safe: using digital role playing games to increase safety voice behaviour among young construction workers

Presented by Helen Lingard, Distinguished Professor, RMIT University

Roadmap to Safety: New Industries

Presented by Ash Presser, Workplace Health, Safety & Environment Manager, Clublinks

ESG: Why the 'S' Matters Now

Presented by Susan Sadler, Chief Executive Officer, Red Wagon Workplace Solutions

**14:35 – 15:15
Breakout
session 2**

Revolutionising Safety Professionals in Construction: Our Cadetship Program's Impact

Presented by Major Roads Projects Victoria

Mastering Change: Unveiling the Science of Motivation for Personal and Workplace Transformation

Presented by Ally Orr, Health and Wellbeing Business Partner, Endeavour Energy

Sentencing Workplace Safety Offences: What do we Hope to Achieve, and How do we Achieve it?

Presented by Octavian Simu and Dr Paul McGorry, Sentencing Advisory Council

WEDNESDAY - Continued

15:15 - 15:45 Afternoon tea

15:45 - 16:45 **Managing Work Health Safety Hazards & Risks in Army**

Presented by Colonel Graham Stewart, Director Strategic Hazards – Army

18:00 - 22:00 **Gala Night**

Venue: Sovereign Room, Melbourne Convention Centre

Dress: Theme or Cocktail

THURSDAY - 23rd May 2024

08:00 - 09:00 **Registration and Arrival Tea & Coffee**

09:00 - 09:15 **Welcome Back**

Presented by Rae Johnston

09:15 - 09:30 **What Can You Expect in 2024**

Presented by Narelle Beer, Executive Director, Health and Safety, WorkSafe Victoria

09:30 - 10:30 **Navigating the Frontlines: Addressing Aggression and Violence with Innovative Strategies and Global Insights**

Panel Presentation: Woolworths, Coles, McDonald's, Worksafe VIC, Sda National

10:30 - 11:00 **Morning tea**

11:00 - 11:40
**Breakout
session 1**

**Small Things, Over Time,
Make a Big Difference**

Presented by Tanya Pelja,
Executive Director, HSEQ
APAC - BGIS

**Resilience and Recovery in
Emergency Management**

Presented by Andrew
Gissing, Chief Executive
Officer, Natural Hazards
Research Australia

**Reaching New Heights
Culture, Technology and
Competency – How Safety
Leadership Can Shape the
Future of Falls Prevention**

Presented by Scott Barber, CEO,
Working at Heights Association

11:50 - 12:30
**Breakout
session 2**

**Aligning Patient and
Employee Safety:
Unveiling the Art of
Manual Handling**

Presented by Ambulance
Victoria

**Navigating the Chain of
Responsibility: Unravelling
Shared Duties in Safety,
Logistics, and Law**

Presented by Denise Zumpe,
Director, COR Comply

**Digital Synergy:
Leveraging Technology
for Collaborative Safety
Solutions**

12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch and Networking in the WHS Show**

13:30 - 14:30 **Psychosocial Safety: Is it really a new thing? How to benefit from Work Already Done**

Presented by Jason van Schie, Managing Director, Flourish Dx

14:30 - 15:30 **Inspiring Safety Cultures Through Storytelling**

Presented by David List, Founder of LIST Media

15:30 - 16:00 **That's a Wrap**

Presented by Julia Whitford

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