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INFORMATION SHEET

Occupational Health and Safety

Focus on worker safety on or near public roads

From March through to May this year a national campaign will be undertaken focusing on worker safety on or near public roads.

The campaign comes as a response to a number of incidents across Australia where workers have died or suffered serious injuries from being struck by motor vehicles and/or moving plant while working on or near public roads performing construction or road work activities.

Workplace Safety Inspectors will visit traffic control companies, road works and construction sites to ensure safe work procedures are in place to address the risks associated with road work activities.

The following includes some of the topics that will be addressed as part of the campaign:

- Site specific risk management and risk controls including traffic control.
- Appropriate consultation systems that include traffic control.
- Training.
- Traffic control plans.
- Signage.
- Fatigue.
- Night work.
- Other general hazards including manual handling, slips, trips and falls, heat/sun, noise, light.

Further guidance material including safety Codes of Practice is available from WorkCover NSW www.workcover.nsw.gov.au or for more information contact a Workplace Advisor on 1300 650 620.

For more information about the national campaign visit www.hwsa.org.au.

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