

Welcome to 2015



This year is the year of the goat. Hope it is a successful year for you and those around you.

The national forklift assessment instruments are due to be released by WorkSafe Australia in a few months. This will require a new licence assessment and some process changes. We will let you know when it happens.

Make a diary note to attend a new equipment exhibition, cMAT coming to Sydney later this year. This is an international exhibition not previously held in Australia. The event runs over three days and has a Seminar series.

AIMM will have a stand at the Brisbane Safety Show starting on the 22nd April at the exhibition centre.

Are your forklift drivers current?

This high risk licence has now expired and cannot be renewed. The new photo ID licence with a 5 year expiry date has replaced it. You can however use this licence to undertake an RPL (Recognition of prior learning) process provided by AIMM. Please call us on 07 3375 6699 to find out how this works!

This Licence is not valid



Mounting a Forklift Correctly

We see many people in the workplace getting on and off a forklift incorrectly which is a safety hazard. An operator must have three (3) points of contact mounting the forklift and three (3) points of contact when dismounting. Some get on correctly and then dismount incorrectly.



Often the excuse for sliding forward off the seat of the forklift is 'speed' or productivity pressures. That 'speed' may cause the operator's foot to slip forward and have the small of the back or spine hit the bonnet of the fork and cause an injury.



There are many workers compensation claims in Australia where penalties of over \$185,000 have been awarded. The serious cases have resulted in an operator becoming paralyzed or loss of full use of their legs.



The attached pictures provide the correct method(s). May we suggest a tool box talk or a short training session to reduce the risk to the worker and PCBU.

This is incorrect

Fire Extinguisher Use & Fire Warden Training

Are you ready for the unexpected? A gas cylinder could leak as it was not turned off correctly, a spark from a grinding tool happens and next a fire breaks out. Where is the closest extinguisher? Who knows how to use it correctly?

If your workplace needs training for first responders or the use of a fire extinguisher call AIMM Industrial Training. We can provide training at your premises or at ours. All our courses are nationally accredited with the codes PUAWER005B First Response Fire Warden and PUAWER008 Use of Fire Extinguishers as a combined course.



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Do your workers know about Chain of Responsibility?

The legislation covering Chain of Responsibility is contained in Heavy Vehicle National Law 2012 [HVNL] and came into effect on the 10th February 2014. This legislation is policed by Highway Patrol Police and the relevant Traffic Authority.

Recent Court cases have resulted in large fines for companies who breached their responsibility under current Chain of Responsibility legislation. One of the most notable in recent times is the Cootes fuel tanker that crashed at Moss Vale NSW, caught fire, killed two people and injured five others.



All parties in the supply chain – consignor/ dispatcher, packer, loader, scheduler, consignee/ receiver, manager, as well as the driver and operator – must take all reasonable steps to prevent breaches of the road transport mass, dimension, loading, speed compliance and work hours laws.

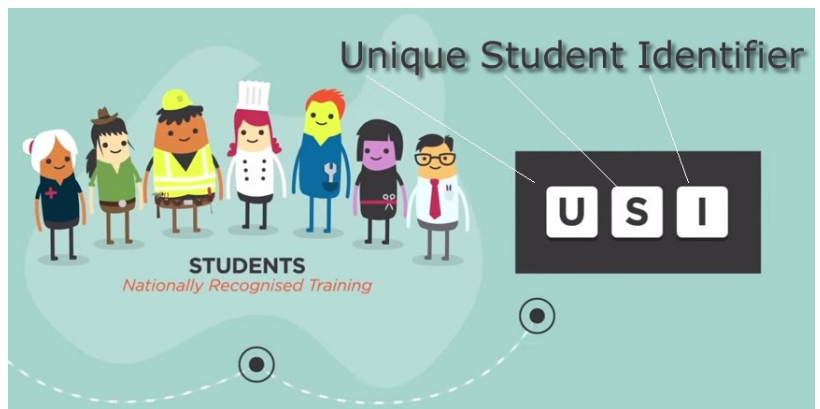
Do your workers know the consequences if they overload a vehicle, receive a load that is not correctly secured, have a load that is too long for the vehicle to safely carry or is too wide for the vehicle. The national Transport Commission have published a Load Restraint guide that will help PCBU / employers comply. Most companies now provide awareness training for persons receiving or despatching goods in this new legislation.



Are you unique? Do you have one of these?

A USI (Unique Student Identifier) will allow an individual's USI account to be linked to the National Vocational Education and Training (VET) Data Collection allowing an individual to see all of their training results from all training providers including all completed training units and qualifications.

The federal government introduced the national database system in late 2014 and all training providers [RTOs] must ensure that every student has a USI at enrolment. If they do not have a USI, they must secure one on behalf of the student. This system became effective on 1st January 2015.



All training organisations are required to submit the data to government on a regular basis.

Need more information about USI, call AIMM Industrial Training or visit the government website www.usi.gov.au

National Forklift Championships

The forklift championship is a fun way for workers to test their knowledge and driving skills against the national standards in a competition. Many companies have seen the benefits of participating while lifting safety awareness in the workplace. The national judges are all qualified forklift Assessors with years of experience in industry.

The Australian Warehousing Association is the host for this event and the championship final is scheduled for 21st August 2015. Sponsor packages and in-house kits are now available from AusWA. www.auswa.asn.au. AIMM is a major sponsor of this event.

Female Winner – 2014
Jayde Graham,
Regents Park Supa IGA



Male Winner – 2014
Andrew Knowles
Personalised Freight Management

