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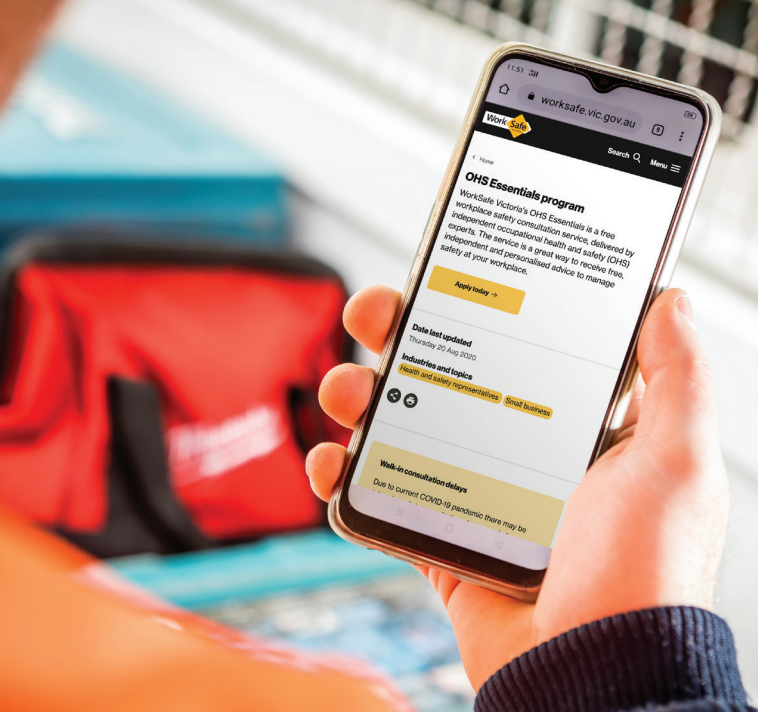
OHS Essentials Program

Free confidential, independent and personal advice to keep your workplace safe.

- ✓ Confidential
- ✓ Independent
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Get coronavirus (COVID-19) safety advice with OHS Essentials

Knowing where to start with workplace safety can feel overwhelming - especially during a global pandemic.

Your OHS Essentials consultant will help you understand your obligations as an employer during coronavirus (COVID-19) all while providing essential safety advice for your business!

What should I expect?

During a visit, your OHS consultant will explain your employer obligations under Victorian health and safety laws, and help you identify safety hazards and risks for your business.

Am I eligible?

If you are a:

1. Small or medium business

Small and medium businesses (60 workers or fewer) with a WorkCover insurance policy.

2. Sole trader with contractors

Sole traders with contractors may be eligible.

3. Victorian farmer

As part of WorkSafe's commitment to workplace safety in the agriculture industry, all Victorian farmers can apply for the program.

What is OHS Essentials?

The OHS Essentials program provides free, confidential and personalised advice to keep your workers safe.

Over 12 months, an independent health and safety consultant will work closely with you to improve your workplace safety and provide guidance on your coronavirus (COVID-19) employer obligations.

Over three sessions, your consultant will develop a practical and personalised action plan for you. The plan will outline the safety hazards identified and how to minimise the risks. It is designed for you to keep and continuously adapt over time.

The best part – talk to your consultant at a time that's convenient for you.

Frequently asked questions

Will the consultant inform WorkSafe of their findings?

Discussions and recommendations made by the consultants are completely confidential.

Are there any out of pocket expenses?

Participating in the program is free.

How long does the initial session take?

Your initial session will take up to three hours, and any follow-up visits may take approximately two to three hours. All on-site visits are subject to government coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions and, if required, they can be facilitated remotely.

Need more information?

Call WorkSafe's advisory service on **1800 136 089** or visit: worksafe.vic.gov.au/ohsessentials

Access our coronavirus (COVID-19) employer checklist at: worksafe.vic.gov.au/covid-employer-checklist

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