



# SAFETY BULLETIN

## Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Laws

### ARE YOU COMPLYING? ACT NOW!

Many transitional provisions under the new laws end on 1 February 2017. You need to have prepared or updated **and implemented** your safety management system by 31 January 2017. If you haven't reviewed your safety management system yet, get started now.

#### Where to start

The code of practice [Safety Management Systems in Mines](#) provides practical guidance on preparing and implementing a safety management system for a mine. Why not review the code of practice now and make a plan for what you need to do make sure you are complying and keeping your workers safe and healthy.

The code will also help petroleum site operators prepare a safety management system. However, it does not have legal status as a code of practice in relation to petroleum sites.

#### Key tips:

- Size doesn't matter – preparing a safety management system is not about generating lots of paper. It's about understanding the risks **at your mine** and working out the best ways for all your work activities – from hiring and purchasing to production and sales - to work together as a complete system that ensures the safety of workers and others.
- Involve everyone – get insights from your staff and contractors. Make sure everyone understands the system and how it contributes to keeping the workplace safe.
- Focus on critical controls – work out what's crucial to prevent the incident or minimize the consequences.

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