Getting started
Health and safety laws in each state

Safe Work Australia is the body responsible for preparing and revising the model Work Health and Safety Acts, regulations and codes of practice in Australia. www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA

These models have been adopted by the Commonwealth jurisdiction and the states and territories, except Victoria and Western Australia.

Each state has its own acts, regulations and compliance codes and codes of practice. Although some states have adopted the Safe Work Australia model, individual states continue to make amendments.

Regulating and enforcing the laws is the responsibility of the individual state and territory.

The links below assist you to ensure that you are operating under the laws of your state. These links also provide you with the opportunity to keep up-to-date should changes occur.

Each state has its own range of information, alerts, media releases and guidance material including that relevant to agriculture.

New South Wales (NSW)
› Regulator: Safe Work NSW
www.safework.nsw.gov.au

Queensland (QLD)
› Regulator: Workplace Health and Safety Queensland
www.worksafe.qld.gov.au

Tasmania (Tas)
› Regulator: WorkSafe Tasmania
www.worksafe.tas.gov.au

Victoria (Vic)
› Regulator: WorkSafe Victoria
www.worksafe.vic.gov.au

Western Australia (WA)
› Regulator: WorkSafe WA
www.commerce.wa.gov.au/WorkSafe

South Australia (SA)
Regulator: SafeWork SA
www.safework.sa.gov.au