

ETU OHS REPS NEWSLETTER



NOTIFICATION OF CONCERN OR INCIDENT

The recording of information on the ETU Notification of Concern or Incident form and forwarding this information on to the ETU is of utmost importance, the ETU can use this information to provide assistance to injured members, to lobby government regulators, to develop materials and to help prevent similar incidents at that workplace as well as other workplaces.

All ETU OH&S Reps should also be notifying the Authorities (Worksafe Victoria & Energy Safe Victoria) of fatalities, serious injuries or incidents which expose persons to risk to their health or safety. Do not rely on the employer to notify the regulators although it is the duty of an employer who has the management control of a workplace; or a self employed person who has the management control of a workplace to notify the Authorities of a serious workplace incident or an incident that exposes or exposed a person to immediate risk to health or safety.

Part 5 of the OH&S Act 2004 details the requirements of employers and self-employed persons to notify the authorities immediately they become aware of a notifiable incident at their workplace.

SITE PRESERVATION

An employer or self-employed person who has management control of a workplace where a notifiable incident has occurred must ensure that the incident site is not disturbed until an inspector arrives at the site or such other time as directed by an inspector.

NOTE: *Failure to comply with the incident notification and site preservation requirements of the Act is a prosecutable offence with fines over \$30,000 applicable.*

INCIDENT NOTIFICATION FORMS

Worksafe Victoria —

www.workcover.vic.gov.au

Click on forms tab then click on Incident Notification.

Ph - 132 360, Fax – (03) 9641 1091

Advisory Service – 1800 136 089

Email –

incidentnotification@workcover.vic.gov.au .

Energy Safe Victoria — www.esv.vic.gov.au

Go to about ESV tab, click on electrical safety then click on electrical incidents, scroll down and click on Electrical Incident Report Form.

Ph – (03) 9203 9700, Fax – (03) 9686 2197

Email – info@esv.vic.gov.au

Electrical Trades Union — www.etu.asn.au

Go to OH&S tab, click on Occupational Health and Safety Issues, scroll down and click on Notification of Concern or Incident Form.

Ph – (03) 83290000

Fax – (03) 83290066

Email – allan@etu.asn.au, tim@etu.asn.au

Staying Connected

Staying connected is a national program which is delivered by Incolink to the Victorian Construction Industry

The program is for Separated Fathers and is a confidential program that ETU members can access along with all other Construction workers and Incolink members throughout Victoria.

Staying Connected is

designed to help men re-build self confidence and stay involved in their children's lives, as well as build a more practical relationship with their 'Ex'.

The program is packed with helpful information and links to services, resources and ideas to help you be a better Dad.

For further information call Margaret at Incolink Member Services - Phone 9668 3061.

Imitation Power Tools

This article is an alert for all workers, not only electricians using power tools as part of performing their day to day work duties or testing and tagging them for various contractors on construction sites etc, it is also about not getting ripped off.

Recently a large company that works in the construction and service sectors of the electrical industry purchased a brand new rotary hammer drill which by all indication was a leading well known brand.

One of our members was given this drill which had never been used and still in it's packaging. He fitted a chisel bit into the chuck and proceeded to use the drill before the plastic gears in the drill failed (less than 5 minutes work).

On closer inspection of the

rotary hammer drill, it was found to be a cheap Chinese imitation with Hilti stickers on it, it's carry case and bit set.

This is not the first time that equipment has been copied. In the past there was an occasion where a HPM branded socket outlet was found to be a copy of the original outlet.

If anyone believes that the electrical product they purchase is not an original but a cheap copy, contact ESV on 92039700.

Be careful don't get ripped off.



2008 Calendar

EEIT OHS MEETING DATES

10AM -12PM

Melbourne—

Held at old ETU Office

Swanston St Carlton South

30th April

25th June

27th August

29th October

OHS REP TRAINING

Contact Tanya—0393269377 to book into the courses below.

Initial 5 Day OHS REPS Course

June 11, 12, 16, 17 and 18

October 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22

1 Day Refresher OHS Rep Course

Melbourne

16th July

12th November

Country

Morwell—28th May

Portland—30th July

Shepparton—24th September

Mildura—26th November