

## MACSS Safety Update



Welcome to the April edition of the Safety Update from [MACSSGROUP](#). This monthly newsletter is aimed at keeping you informed of our recent news, as well as occupational health and safety issues.

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### Risk Management



**Risk Management** is a vital part of the Safety Management System, failing to have a robust and established Risk Management system in place can negatively impact your business in many ways and goes beyond just the issue of rising insurance premiums.

It can affect

- the health and safety of employees & contractors
- your reputation
- public and customer confidence in your organisation
- your financial position

**Risk management** is the process of thinking systematically about all possible risks before they happen and setting up systems that will avoid the risk, or if not possible, minimise its impact.

The **Risk Management** process involves

- **Identification of hazards** - find out what could cause harm
- **Assess risks** of identified hazards - understand the nature of the harm that could be caused by the hazard, how serious the harm could be and the likelihood of it happening
- **Identify controls** that reduce the risk using the Hierarchy of Controls as a guide - implement the most effective control measure that is reasonably practicable in the circumstances
- **Review control** effectiveness to ensure they are working as planned

### WorkSafe Vic "Shocking" Experiment



WorkSafe Victoria set up a mock worksite on a busy Melbourne street in which two actors posing as workers asked passers by to hand over a 'live' cable from one to the other, has delivered shocking results.

Despite being warned the cable was dangerous, a staggering 90 per cent of people walking down Bourke Street who were asked by the 'supervisor' to pass the live wire to the 'apprentice' did as they were told.

Even when the apprentice received a (fake) 'shock' and dropped the cable, the helpful passers by picked it up and handed it to him again.

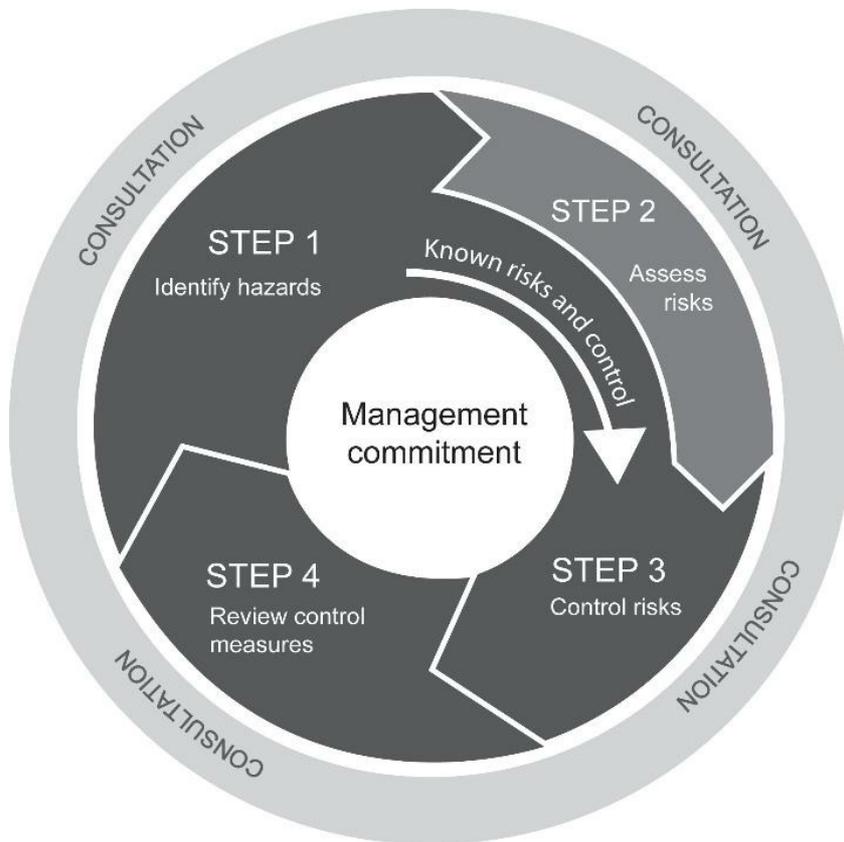
The experiment was conducted as part of WorkSafe's supervisors' campaign, to help demonstrate that people are willing to obey instructions, even if it means others may be harmed.

See the full story at

[WorkSafe Victoria](#) or [WorkSafe Victoria Facebook Page](#)

**Initial e-mail or phone consultation obligation free**

**Gary Mounsey**  
Director



With new WHS laws now in place in some states and territories and soon to be introduced into other jurisdictions around Australia. Some employers are still trying to understand the implications these new laws will place on their organisation. The new laws are broader and clearly define the safety responsibilities for all members of a workplace.

While most do have an understanding of their new health and safety responsibilities, many may not understand the potential gaps that may exist to meet the new compliance requirements. The focus must now be on mapping your current systems against the new requirements to ensure the right systems and processes are in place to ensure a safe workplace.

Business's need to frequently re-evaluate their existing WHS practices and procedures to determine if they are compliant and working effectively.

Implementing a safety management system requires competency and experience. MACSS can assist in the development, implementation, control and management of safety systems to meet requirements.



For more information please refer to

[\*\*Model Code of Practice - How to Manage Work Health and Safety Risks\*\*](#)

[\*\*Model Code of Practice - Work Health and Safety Consultation, Cooperation and Coordination\*\*](#)

[\*\*Model Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011\*\*](#)

**AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009**

[\*\*Safe Work Australia\*\*](#)

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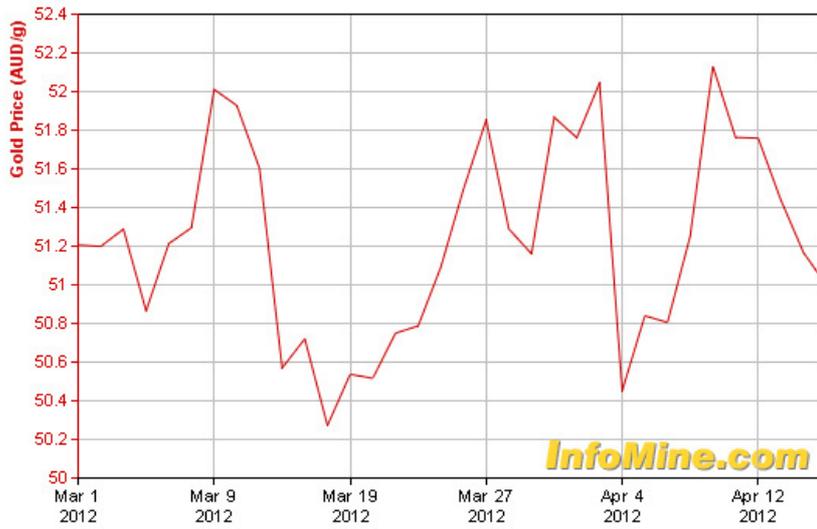
For more information or to get an obligation free consultation, contact MACSS to see how we can help you and your business be as safe as possible.

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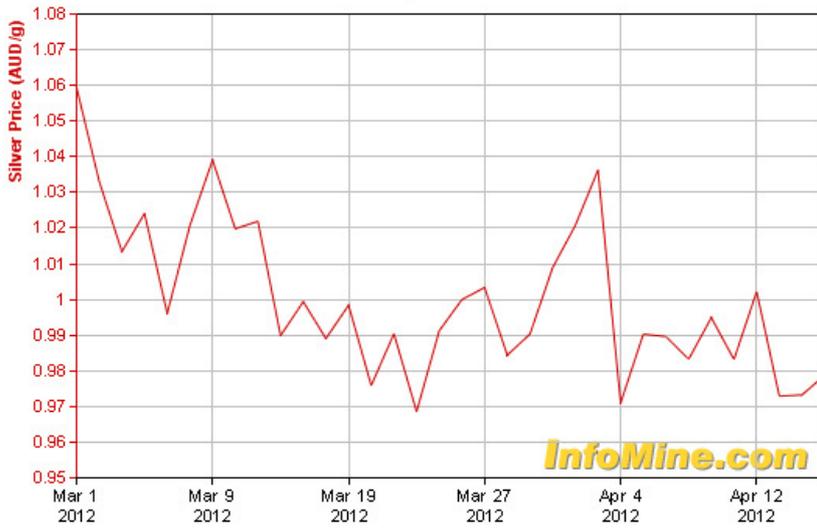
Or contact one of the MACSS Directors ([Kym](#) or [Gary](#)) directly, their contact information can be found on the right of this safety update.

**Commodities Prices Charts\***

**Gold Price**  
50.97 AUD/g  
19 Apr '12



**Silver Price**  
0.98 AUD/g  
19 Apr '12

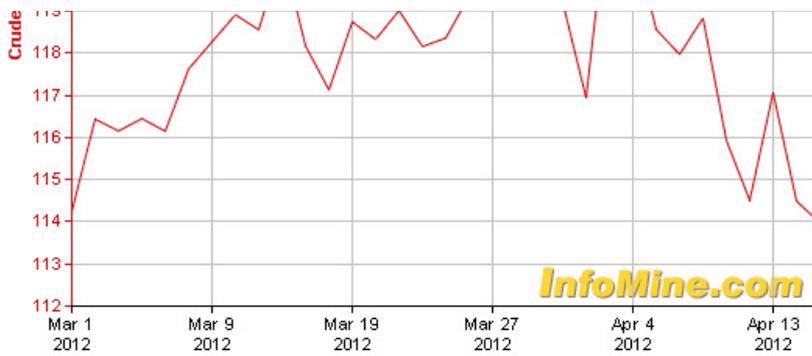


**Copper Price**  
7.82 x0.001AUD/g  
17 Apr '12



**Crude Oil Price**  
113.68 AUD/bbl  
18 Apr '12





\*IMAGE SOURCE: [www.infomine.com](http://www.infomine.com)



Thank you for your time

We hope you enjoyed this edition of our E-Newsletter. If you require any additional information please feel free to contact us [info@macssgroup.com.au](mailto:info@macssgroup.com.au)

The only appropriate commitment toward safety performance is:  
**No Incidents, No Excuses**

**Sincerely,**

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