New Work Health and Safety Legislation

South Australia
The new South Australian Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (WHS Act), Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012, and a range of Codes of Practice came into effect on 1 January 2013. At the same time, the Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986 (OHSW Act) and Regulations were repealed and no longer have effect.

The new legislation, Codes of Practice and guidance material are available on the SafeWorkSA website.

Click here for a summary of the essential differences between the old OHSW legislation and the new WHS legislation.

Northern Territory
The Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011, Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations and Codes of Practice came into effect on 1 January 2012 and can be found on the NT WorkSafe website.

Victoria
Victoria has not adopted the new harmonized WHS legislation, and so the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007 and Compliance Codes – WorkSafe Victoria continue to be in force.

Implementation
The OHS Unit is working on implementation of the new WHS legislation, including reviewing and revising policies, procedures and consultation processes, and will be running information sessions on the new legislation. Information gathering and reporting processes are also being reviewed to ensure that University Council and senior executives receive the information they need.

In the meantime it is business as usual for managing safety at the University.

Please contact the OHS Unit (tel 08 8201 3703) if you have any queries about the new legislation.