



Occupational Health and Safety for Farmers (Surviving the New OH&S Laws)

This two day training course is designed to provide farmers and other people living and working on farms with a summary of major farm hazards, and practical steps to eliminate or minimise the risk of injury or death and explain to participants the key health and safety legal requirements relating to their workplace.

Areas Covered

The Law and you in Agriculture/Horticulture

- Introduction to the Legal Aspects of OH&S/Duty of Care.
- OH&S Act and associated Regulations and Codes of Practice, Guidance Notes.
- Functions and Roles of Manufacturer, Suppliers, Contactors, Designers and Occupiers

Analysing Safe Practice

- Workplace Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment.
- Risk control (including Hierarchy of Control, Action Plans)

Practice and Specific Risks

- Machine Safety
- Chemical Safety
- Manual handling
- Fatigue management
- Working with family members within the business

Course Delivery

This Occupational Health and Safety training session will be flexible in delivery, practical and theory based and will be offered in two short three and half hour sessions, to be held over two consecutive weeks. Seven hours of instructional and practical activities will be conducted by a qualified and highly experienced industry trainer. This course specifically targets the participants' farm working environment and current relevant Code of Practices and Guidance Notes.

The Centre for Occupational Health and Safety Training (COHST) will provide:

- Booklet and CD on Guidance Notes.
- Hazard Risk Checklist with an Action Plan

Our instructor Patricia Beale (Degree in Adult Learning and Development and Dip in OHS) lived in the Upper Yarra area for more than thirty years, from the early 1970's to late 2001. Patricia was very involved in the Upper Yarra and Healesville communities and worked in primary, secondary and adult education. Patricia's contacts include fruit and berry growers throughout the Yarra Valley. Her formal qualifications are additional to the knowledge and skills grounded in the practical experience of managing her own small business. She knows from practical experience that businesses with a commitment to ongoing learning, safe practices and clear directions thrive, while others struggle.

Participants who successfully complete these competencies will gain credits towards a Certificate in OHS offered by Swinburne.

Duration: 1 day **Cost:** \$100 inc. GST per participant

To Book: This course is available on site for groups of 10 or more participants. Please complete a **Short Course Training Program Booking Form** downloadable from the COHST website.

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