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## Directors' Bulletin



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## Special briefing on new WHS laws for community housing directors and officers

6<sup>th</sup> February 2012, Parramatta

**Due to overwhelming demand from the sector, Federation partners CompliSpace are offering a briefing on the new WHS laws, tailored specifically for directors and officers of community housing providers.**

New Model Work Health & Safety (WHS) Laws are due to commence in most States and Territories on 1 January 2012. These new laws greatly increase an employer's duty of care and their obligation to consult on safety matters. Perhaps most critically the new laws also place a clear obligation on all directors and officers to take positive steps to inform themselves of their organisation's workplace safety obligations and to ensure that they have adequate systems and procedures in place to comply with these obligations. Failure to comply with these obligations can lead to significant fines and penalties, as well as prison terms.

CompliSpace have prepared an [executive briefing for directors and officers and a WHS risk self assessment survey](#). Directors in the sector will also find CompliSpace's [blog on WHS issues written specifically for the community housing sector](#) of interest.

The Community Housing sector, as with all sectors, has areas which are likely to be put under the spotlight with the introduction of the new Model Work Health and Safety Laws.

- Applicants and Tenants with Complex Needs
  - Consulting with Contractor's workers
  - Major Renovations or Developments
  - Consulting with other Persons Conducting a Business or Undertaking
- The concept of a PCBU is described in detail in the [Directors & Officers Briefing Paper](#).

**Cost:** \$58 inc GST, includes lunch

**Venue:** Sebel Parramatta, 350, Church Street Parramatta ([map](#))

**Time:** 9.45 – 12.00, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012

To register, please complete the attached registration form

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