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Work Health and Safety:

What are our risks and how well are we managing them? WHS Audit and Professional Development Seminar 17th May 2013

This seminar will provide an opportunity to assess the impact of the changes in WHS legislation on the sector, to take stock of the sector's shared WHS risks, and develop optimal approaches to managing key areas of WHS risk. This seminar will be highly practical and deal with the real, sector specific WHS risks that CHPs face. We will address issues like CHPs' responsibilities when working with contractors and volunteers, home visits and lone working. This seminar will be presented in partnership with CompliSpace and we would encourage all CHPs to attend.

The Federation is also launching a sector wide WHS audit today. This is an essential piece of work to identify common risks faced by CHPs and best practice solutions. We strongly recommend that you take the WHS audit, whether or not you can attend the workshop. The purpose of the WHS audit is:

- To assist the community housing sector to identify and assess whether there are any sector wide systemic WHS risks that are not being managed effectively
- To assist CHPs to review their own systems and processes for WHS risk management
- To use the data to support CHPs to implement the most effective way of targeting action to improve the sector's WHS risk management.
- To produce a high level WHS risk profile for the sector so that internal stakeholders and WHS auditors/trainers/external stakeholders will understand our industry, our specific risks and our WHS needs

We will use the data collected during the workshop and we will circulate a summary report to the sector. To take the sector WHS audit, please click [here](#).

Seminar content will include:

- **Overview of the impact of WHS changes on the community housing sector** (David Griffiths, MD, CompliSpace)
Amongst the specific impacts to be discussed are; working with contractors and volunteers, home visits, lone workers, and the requirement for joint consultation where there is shared responsibility for WHS
- **Results of the community housing sector WHS audit** – what are our key risks as a sector and how well are we managing them? (Pre seminar audit to be run by the Federation)
- **Key risks identified by CHPs** in the last year (Svetlana Pozydajew, CompliSpace)
- **Mitigation strategies:** What optimal mitigation strategies are in place to meet the most significant risks identified? (Best practice speakers from the sector)
- **What can we learn from our partners?**

How does a support partner like NEAMI conduct WHS risk assessments and manage risks, including risks associated with home visits and outreach work with clients with high support needs?

- **High risk, insufficient controls in place?** Across the sector, are there significant risks that we are not adequately controlling? If so what needs to be done?

Date and time: 17th May, 2013, 9.30 – 3.00

Venue: Sydney, TBC

Cost: \$260 including GST, lunch included

To register, please complete the attached 'WHS' registration form

The event will be followed by an optional demonstration of CompliSpace's new WHS and HR policy management tool, Policy Connect. Policy Connect is designed to be affordable and relevant to the housing sector and importantly, provide timely updates to keep pace with regular changes in laws and regulations.

For further information about this seminar, please contact Adam on 9281 7144 ext. 211 or adamwest@communityhousing.org.au

Jointly presented by the Federation and CompliSpace.



Speaker profile: David Griffiths – CompliSpace Managing Director

David is a Managing Director and founder of CompliSpace. He is a governance professional with over 15 years' experience in law and management. His principal areas of expertise are in corporate governance, compliance and workplace relations.

Having held roles in private practice, as a senior manager in an ASX 200 company and in-house with a market regulator, David has extensive experience in corporate governance, risk and compliance from both sides of the regulatory fence.

David is a regular presenter on behalf of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia, Chartered Secretaries Australia and other industry bodies on issues relating to corporate governance, directors duties, risk management, compliance and business ethics. David holds an MBA from Oxford University and a Masters in Law from the University of Sydney

About the Federation's Professional Development seminar series

Events on WHS, Privacy and a Sustaining Tenancies seminar presented jointly with the Tenants Union to be held this financial year.

Following on from the Conference, the Federation is pleased to announce its Professional Development seminar series for the remainder of the financial year. The topics have been chosen as a result of extensive feedback from the sector and address some of the most pressing issues for community housing. We believe that it is an exciting and important program and that we have assembled some excellent speakers who will support the sector

to develop its practice. In addition, we will be presenting a series of 'Working with Aboriginal People' seminars in May and June 2013 to support the sectors' engagement with Aboriginal tenants, applicants, staff and communities.

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