Registrations for Safe Work month now open

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The 2015 Northern Territory program of events for Safe Work Month is available online and opened for registration.

Safe Work Month is an annual event held nationally in October to raise awareness of work health and safety.

Business Minister, Peter Styles said NT Work Safe and partner organisations are hosting 30 events across the Northern Territory on nine health and safety topics.

“The events include seminars and workshops designed to provide information and assistance to Territory businesses and workers to keep their workplace safe,” Mr Styles said.

“Workshops have been included this year after feedback from participants requesting more in-depth discussion and activity on the health and safety topic they were attending.”

The three workshop topics available this year cover personal resilience, risk assessment and return to work plans.

“As part of amendments to the Return to Work Act, Territory businesses will be required to develop and implement a return to work plan if one of their workers is injured and incapacitated for more than 28 days,” Mr Styles said.

“The purpose of a plan is to allow an injured worker to remain engaged with their workplace and return them to appropriate employment in a timely and safe manner.

“Our workers are a vital component to a strong and vibrant economy and we need to provide them with the tools and information to work safely. If a worker is injured, we need to provide them with the support and assistance to recover and successfully return to work.

“I encourage all businesses and workers to get involved in Safe Work Month and raise awareness of safety in their workplace.”

The Safe Work Month program of events is available at www.worksafe.nt.gov.au

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