

# BE SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL

# JOIN OUR FREE MENTOR PROGRAM



## MENTORING INVOLVES EXPERIENCED BUSINESSES HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES TO IDENTIFY NEW WAYS TO ADDRESS SAFETY

The program pairs small business with safety experts who are willing to share their expertise and best practice in workplace health and safety.

### How does it work?

Together, you participate in one-on-one discussions and an onsite visit. SafeWork NSW offers free advisory and educational sessions covering a variety of work health safety and injury management topics.

### What does the program involve?

- Matching small business mentees with mentors experienced in workplace health and safety and injury management.
- A commitment of time decided between the mentee and mentor - no more than three to six months.
- Willing and committed mentees keen to learn about workplace safety from Mentors visiting their mentee's workplace at least once.
- Mentees receiving expert advice from mentors on all aspects of workplace safety.
- Developing an action plan together - mentors assist with identifying issues and developing solutions for their mentee's business.

## WHAT DID PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS SAY?

The program itself is fantastic. The team at SafeWork NSW are always friendly and helpful, and were always there to offer back-up support when required.

**Colin Schofield, Fuji Xerox Australia Pty Ltd**

The program provides an open forum to work together to generate and exchange ideas that benefit both mentor and mentee businesses.

**Jon Baker, Coca Cola Amatil**

Having a mentor can help you navigate WHS compliance to make it less daunting.

**Sue Burnett, Rooty Hill RSL**

Spending a little bit of time with another business to see how they do things is a far greater benefit than trying to come up with the solution yourself.

**Simon Rowe, OceanWatch Australia Ltd**

Staff notice what you do. When you show a commitment to safety and make positive changes they know you are genuine.

**Dimitri Hari, TransTasman Fisheries**

Don't try and re-invent the wheel, make use of information available.

**Melody Mayfield-Price, Destination Wollongong**

Being a member is extremely rewarding. I enjoy giving back, sharing my experiences with others, and making a difference in the industry.

**Tracy Mellor, Cerebral Palsy Alliance**



### Interested in becoming a mentee?

To become a mentee you will be:

- a small business with up to 20 employees operating in NSW
- available to attend free advisory and educational sessions, for example webinars
- prepared to attend the launch and closing ceremonies
- willing to have your mentor visit your workplace during the program
- genuinely interested in improving your workplace safety, workers compensation and injury management systems
- committed to developing an action plan with your mentor and work towards implementing agreed solutions.

### What are the benefits of becoming a mentee?

There are many benefits to becoming a mentee, these include:

- accessing expert advice and assistance from your mentor and SafeWork NSW
- networking with other businesses
- the opportunity to apply for financial assistance to help implement eligible safety improvements in the workplace\*
- learning more about successes that our past mentees have gone on to accomplish as a result of the program.

\*Terms and conditions apply.

### Interested in becoming a mentor?

To become a mentor you will be:

- an experienced business professional with expertise in workplace health safety and injury management, operating in NSW
- interested in proactive workplace safety
- willing to make a site visit to your mentee's business
- keen to share your knowledge and expertise with small business.

### What are the benefits of becoming a mentor?

The benefits of becoming a mentor include:

- raising your business profile
- improving work health and safety, workers compensation and injury management
- networking with like-minded businesses
- strengthening your knowledge base and improving communication skills
- enhancing your leadership skills.

**Mentors and mentees can improve the reputation of their businesses and create safer, more productive workplaces with this free program.**

To learn more about mentor and mentee stories, visit [www.safework.nsw.gov.au](http://www.safework.nsw.gov.au)

## HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

Places are limited.

To apply, visit [www.safework.nsw.gov.au](http://www.safework.nsw.gov.au) and search for mentor program, then complete the online application form.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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