

# Neglecting workplace safety is a crime.



## Safety can never be ignored

The tragic workplace death of a loyal employee has again highlighted the ultimate price paid when workplace safety, proper training and adequate supervision are neglected by companies and supervisors.

On 1 June 2007 employee Robin Power was hand-sanding a rubber-covered roller when his clothes became entangled in the machine and he was pulled in. He suffered horrific injuries and died at the scene.

Mr Power had worked with the company for 13 years and was considered one of its most experienced operators.

The County Court found both the company guilty of inadequate training and failing to provide a safe workplace; and the supervisor guilty of inadequate training and supervision for the safe operation and maintenance of machinery.

The company was convicted and fined \$345,000; the supervisor was fined \$30,000.

## Employers and supervisors have an obligation to provide a safe workplace

It's an important part of looking after your business' viability and the people who work for you. And it's the law.

Allowing or ignoring dangerous work practices is unacceptable. Too often lives are lost or changed forever.

If you aren't confident you have the knowledge or skills to keep your people safe, seek guidance before it's too late.

## Free advice

To download a copy of WorkSafe's handbook '**Getting help to improve health and safety**' or other publications, visit [worksafe.vic.gov.au](http://worksafe.vic.gov.au) or call WorkSafe on **1800 136 089**.

Small businesses (fewer than 50 employees) are eligible for a free and independent safety consultation.