

Denise Zumpe

Principal Consultant



Denise is a qualified and experienced consultant with practical industry knowledge in Work Health and Safety and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Compliance. Establishing SafeSense Workplace Safety in 2010, Denise has built a successful health and safety consulting practice over 12 years through word of mouth referrals and repeat business, developing long term client relationships. Prior to establishing SafeSense, Denise obtained extensive industry experience as an OHS Manager and Consultant (both permanent and contract) and Injury Management Advisor. Throughout her career, Denise has gained industry experience in transport and logistics, manufacturing, printing, technical services and trades, civil construction, energy, waste and local and state government. Through working with transport companies on health and safety projects, Denise has gained a detailed knowledge of the application of the Heavy Vehicle National Law and Chain of Responsibility (CoR).

Professional Achievements

- Denise is a recognised thought leader in the OHS/CoR space as a contributing author to Australasian Transport News, which has circulation of over 6000 copies per issue and over 16000 subscribers to the daily e-news.
- National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme Auditor for Mass and Maintenance Accreditation.
- In 2014, Denise was invited to be the contributing author on Safety Culture in Small & Medium Enterprises in the OHS Body of Knowledge for Generalist OHS Professionals. This accolade recognises Denise's advanced and specialised skills to apply OHS within the broader SME environment.
- In 2019, Denise was invited to represent the Australian Institute of Health and Safety at the National Transport Commission review of the Heavy Vehicle National Law.
- Denise has been on the panel of independent consultants with WorkSafe Victoria for 12 years, having successfully tendered over 4 periods. This allows Denise to deliver the WorkSafe Victoria funded OHS Essentials Program to small and medium businesses across all industries.

Experience

- Contract safety consultant/advisor to HealthShare Victoria, a new Victorian government entity created to centralise the supply chain of medical consumables to Melbourne health services. This role is the subject matter expert on logistics safety and traffic management for a greenfield 22,000sqm warehouse and establishing and implementing the inaugural safety strategy for the new entity during a period of significant growth and change.
- In-house Safety & Compliance support for one of the largest privately owned container cartage and general distribution companies in Melbourne's west for 18 months.
- Documenting and implementing safe work practices for a Materials Recycling Facility, working with legal counsel to prepare documentation and report for defence in WorkSafe prosecution and ongoing OHS support, mentoring and coaching for 3 years.
- Developing the traffic management plan, safe working procedures and training and induction material for a new warehouse of 4000m² for one of the world's largest freight forwarders and US Fortune 200 company.
- Safety system development, implementation and third party certification to AS4801:2001 for 8 years for a medium sized freight forwarding organisation.
- Assisting clients respond to WorkSafe improvement notices on traffic management by developing and implementing traffic management plans, line marking, signage and mobile plant safety procedures and training.
- Following significant organisational change, the review and updating of the Business Management System of a leading health, safety and environmental consultancy in preparation for tri-certification audit.
- Traffic management risk assessments and plans for various transport depots including for a 21 hectare intermodal site.
- Safety systems development, implementation and training for two printing equipment sales and service businesses with sites across Australia and New Zealand. The involved installation/deinstallation and service work procedures, SWMS and training and in-house safety support for 8 years.
- Safe work method statements including for sideloader operation, container unpacking, delivery of materials into large scale infrastructure projects, towing and salvage of heavy vehicles, residential and commercial construction projects, high risk construction work.

Qualifications

- Graduate Diploma Occupational Hazard Management, VIOSH Australia (Federation Uni)
- Diploma Frontline Management
- Associate Diploma OHS
- Cert IV Workplace Assessment & Training
- Safety Systems/Heavy Vehicle Auditor, Exemplar Global

Professional Memberships

- Certified Generalist OHS Professional – Australian Institute of Health and Safety (Vic)
- Auditor – National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme, Exemplar Global
- Supplier Partner - Container Transport Alliance Australia
- Member – Transport Women Australia Limited