

## Founder & 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 through word of mouth referrals and repeat business, developing long term client relationships.

As a health and safety generalist, Denise has expertise across all hazards and industries and reaches out to her network for specialised areas including plant safety, dangerous goods and psychosocial risk.

Denise specialises warehousing and distribution including heavy vehicle safety and compliance for parties in the chain of responsibility. Our transport experience extends from wharf cartage to last mile deliveries. Loading/unloading, forklift safety and traffic management plans are also an area of expertise.

## Professional Achievements

- Denise is on the WorkSafe Victoria panel of independent consultants and delivers the OHS Essentials program which provides small and medium businesses with OHS expert support funded by WorkSafe Victoria.
- Contributing author on the OHS Body of Knowledge chapter on Safety Culture in Small & Medium Enterprises. This accolade recognised Denise's advanced and specialised skills to apply OHS within the SME environment.
- Appointed to the technical panel overseeing the development of the OHS Body of Knowledge (BoK) chapter on Chain of Responsibility.
- Registered auditor under the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme for Mass, Maintenance and Fatigue Management.

## Experience

- OHS Consultant to the Victorian Dept of Health in establishing a 22,000 sq metre warehouse and commercial supply chain operation for medical consumables and supplies to Victorian health care services. This consulting project was extended for 12 months in the role of in-house Safety Consultant to deliver the organisational safety strategy as a member of the People and Culture team.
- Contract in-house OHS manager for Australia's leading supplier of trailing equipment to the heavy vehicle industry with three branches nationally for 2 years.
- Developing and auditing Heavy Vehicle Management Plans for businesses with heavy vehicles providing services to Victorian major infrastructure projects (NELP and WGTP)
- Developing the traffic management plan, safe working procedures and training and induction material for a new warehouse of 5000m<sup>2</sup> for one of the world's largest freight forwarders and US Fortune 500 company.
- Contract National Work Health & Safety Manager for an integrated logistics services group while recruiting for a permanent incumbent for the role. Updated safe work procedures, written monthly safety communication and prepared documentation to comply with three WorkSafe improvement notices, including traffic management.
- Developing and implementing safe work procedures for a materials recycling facility, supporting legal counsel with defence in a WorkSafe prosecution for a workplace fatality and onsite mentoring and coaching for 3 years.
- Safe work method statements including for excavations, delivery of materials into large scale infrastructure projects, sideloader operation, towing and salvage of heavy vehicles, residential and commercial construction projects.

## Qualifications

- Graduate Diploma Occupational Hazard Management VIOSH Australia (Federation University)
- Diploma Frontline Management
- Associate Diploma OHS (RMIT)

## Professional Memberships

- Member – Australian Institute of Health and Safety (Vic)
- Auditor – National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme – Exemplar Global