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Festival season – making work health and safety a priority

SafeWork SA is working with major event organisers to help them ensure the safety of workers and patrons during Adelaide's major festival season.

Inspectors and industry advisors from the compliance and education arms of SafeWork SA play a key role in regulating safety responsibilities and informing businesses about work health and safety protections for workers, volunteers and patrons at public events.

SafeWork SA Acting Executive Director Chris McKie said the range of events and festivals held in Adelaide over the next few months raised diverse safety issues.

"SafeWork SA works with event organisers as they identify and address risks to workers and others," he said.

"Our inspectors are involved at all stages of events and festivals, from the set-up to the bump-out, to ensure compliance with the state's work health and safety laws."

Compliance activity by inspectors includes verifying the safety of temporary structures, such as stages and marquees; electrical items; fireworks; amusement devices and the storage of dangerous substances such as LPG.

SafeWork SA industry advisors will also be working with event organisers and associated hospitality industry operators to provide education on how to identify, assess and manage workplace risks.

This can include visits from mobile work health and safety advisors who provide tailored support.

For information about SafeWork SA's free mobile work health and safety advisory service, including to request a visit, call 1300 365 255 or visit safework.sa.gov.au/freeadvice.