

## Have the conversation in National Safe Work Month

South Australian employers and workers are being encouraged to raise the profile of work health and safety issues in their workplace as part of National Safe Work Month, which gets underway this weekend.

National Safe Work Month runs throughout October with activities this year centred around the theme of “Have the conversation”.

SafeWork SA will hold events covering topics as diverse as shift work and fatigue, the benefits of mindfulness and the risks posed by UV radiation to people working outdoors.

SafeWork SA Executive Director, Martyn Campbell, said workplaces can join the conversation and register their own activities to go in the running to win one of three workplace wellbeing packs.

“Activities don’t need to be expensive or complicated, we have created a free planning activity kit with ideas and promotional materials to help any workplace get involved.

“We all have a role to play when it comes to work health and safety, and one of the best ways we can increase awareness of work health and safety issues while improving safety in the workplace is to start a conversation.

“By openly talking about work health and safety, we can help identify hazards that may have been overlooked, learn from the experiences of others and promote greater awareness of issues that can affect us all in the workplace.”

Mr Campbell said there had already been a positive response to events being run by SafeWork SA and partners during National Safe Work Month.

“Already, a number of events hosted by Safe Work SA and our partners have sold out which is great to see,” he said.

“I want every workplace to have a health and safety conversation in October.

“It’s not hard to do, and is an important step to ensuring we are aware of any risks so we all can go home at the end of the working day safe and sound to loved ones.”

To find out more about National Safe Work Month, head to [www.safework.sa.gov.au/nswm2017](http://www.safework.sa.gov.au/nswm2017) .