



News from the Secretary

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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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SAFETY INFORMATION

On 4 April 2016 the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA) comes into force, bringing new responsibilities for everyone in the workplace. New Regulations under the Act are out now.

We encourage all our members to keep safe at work. You can find more information at:

[WORKSAFE - Health and Safety at Work](#)

Health and Safety
at Work Act 2015



WORKSAFE
NEW ZEALAND

In particular, we encourage our installers and chimney sweeps to keep safe when working on roofs.

Edge Protection (or scaffolding) must be used at all times in the area you are working even on single story roofs, and even if you are only intending to be on the roof for a short time.

It only takes a second to have an accident. One accident is one too many.

If you are using Harnesses you must be trained to NZQA unit standard 15757 equivalent or higher.

If you are working on a roof that is over 3 metres, you need to be using edge protection **and** a harness.

A documented safe work plan is required that identifies, assesses and controls hazards.

Failing to comply with these rules will incur fines from WorkSafe.

Please read these publications for more information:

[WORKSAFE NZ - Height Safety](#)

[MBIE - Roofs Best Practice](#)



INSTALLER TRAINING

Application forms for all courses are available on our website www.nzhha.co.nz.

Training dates for 2016 are as follows:

Introduction to Solid Fuel Heating (Intro)

- 28 April – Auckland
- 23 June – Christchurch and Palmerston North
- 25 August – Auckland
- 21 September – Christchurch
- 24 November – Christchurch and Auckland

Solid Fuel Appliance Installation Technician (SFAIT) (and refresher)

- 29 April – Auckland
- 24 June – Christchurch and Palmerston North
- 26 August – Auckland
- 22 September – Christchurch
- 25 November – Christchurch and Auckland

Be sure to keep your SFAIT training up to date, as those who have not done a refresher within the last two years may be exempt from installing.

Please note these dates are subject to change. Please register as early as possible.

Remember if you have not completed the refresher course, you are not a Registered Installer and cannot advertise or promote yourself as such.

Additional training can be scheduled on demand.

We require 10 attendees to make training viable. We currently have interest but not the numbers for courses in Dunedin and New Plymouth, so if you are interested in attending training in these regions please let me know.

INDUSTRY STANDARDS

Don't forget you can order the standard from us.

AS/NZS 2918: 2001 – Domestic Solid Fuel Burning Appliances – Installation = \$168 incl GST.

AIRPLAN HEARING

Results of the ECAN Airplan Hearing were due in March. However there was a further hearing as some parties felt they hadn't had sufficient time. We are now expecting a decision in April.

ULEB

There isn't much to report in this space while technical matters regarding testing are worked through.

The Working Group are meeting every 3-4 months and our representatives will keep us informed of progress.

MBIE UPDATE

For your information:

The Employment Standards Legislation Bill has passed third reading in parliament and will come into force 1 April 2016.

The changes will:

- Extend paid parental leave to more workers and increase the flexibility of the scheme
- Strengthen enforcement of employment standards
- Address issues such as "zero-hour contracts" and other unfair employment practices

The Bill makes changes to the following legislation:

- Employment Relations Act 2000
- The Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act 1987
- Minimum Wage Act 1983
- Holidays Act 2003
- Wages Protection Act 1983

Before the new law comes into force, MBIE intends to provide

information and education to employers, including small businesses and employees.

For more information, see:

<http://www.mbie.govt.nz>

CONFERENCE

Please pencil Friday 30 September into your calendars and diaries for conference this year. The date will be confirmed closer to the time.

Conference 2016 will be held in Christchurch.

WEBSITE UPDATES

We have some updates to our website that you will notice in the next month.

We are making the search functions a bit more user friendly with an A-Z search and a free type name search function.

We are also putting in a password protected tab with Registered Installer information specific to Councils.



MEDIA

You will have found attached to the email, some media articles that may be of interest.