



## This Month's Edition

This month's edition of the RLX Safety Newsletter contains information on:

- Confined Spaces;
- Hazard ID and Risk Management Training;
- On-Line Incident Reporting ; and
- Chemical labelling requirements.



## Confined Spaces

RLX Sites contain a number of confined spaces, including drains, sumps and tanks.

The recent deaths of three people in a water tank in New South Wales has highlighted the risks associated with working in confined spaces and the need for appropriate controls to ensure people's safety when work in these spaces must be undertaken.

The Safe Work Procedure (SWP) for Confined Spaces defines how confined spaces are identified, assessed and the entry into them, including the performance of work, is controlled to minimize or eliminate risks to employees and sub-contractors.

Site Managers recently completed a verification audit of the RLX Confined Space Register. Confined Space locations are clearly identified with signs at (or adjacent to) the point of entry.

All people (including employees) must comply with the confined spaces signage at all times and never enter a confined space.



Where work on/in a confined space is required, the Site Manager will undertake a Risk Assessment to determine if the work can be performed without entering the confined space. If this is not possible they will engage a suitably qualified sub-contractor to perform the work.

The Site Manager will also issue the contractor a work permit for the activity.

The confined space work is to be performed strictly in accordance with the confined space entry permit and the applicable SOPs and/or SWPs and can only be performed under the direction of an observer.



## Hazard ID & Risk Training

Staff from TRLX, IRLX, CVLX and NVLX recently completed Hazard ID and Risk Management training.

In total 28 staff across the RLX portfolio have now completed the training.

All employees that undertook training were surveyed to gauge the effectiveness of the training based on 10 questions.

All of the employees surveyed rated the training as average to above average. Further, all of the participants completing the survey believed that the training would enable them to better identify workplace hazards and undertake risk management processes to reduce their likelihood and consequence.

### Some comments from attendees:

"Good discussions during seminar".

"I have had WH&S and risk assessment training through previous employment and I thoroughly enjoyed the simple language used and real world examples. It was hard to bite my tongue and not answer all the questions. Enjoyed it and didn't once feel sleepy with boredom".

The "TRLX team will be able to better identify and control risk. Thank you. It is good to have the team on the same page".

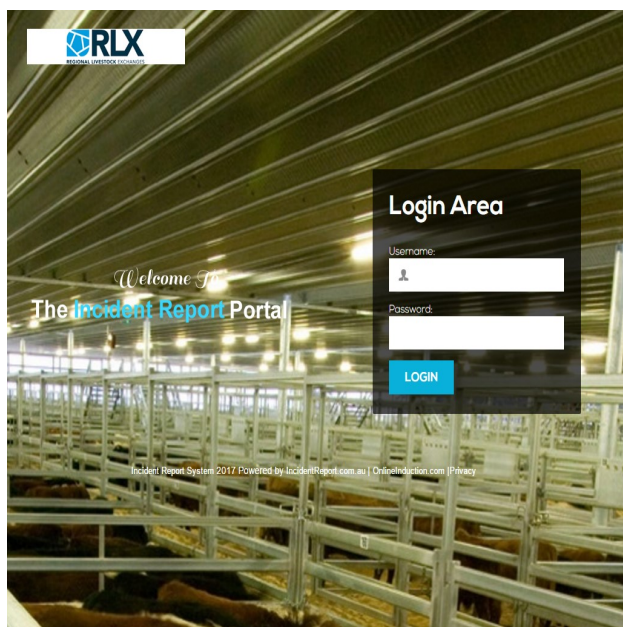


## On-Line Incident Reporting

The new RLX on-line Incident Reporting Portal was launched this month and is available to Site Managers and Administration Staff to report:

- injuries;
- property damage;
- theft;
- near misses;
- livestock escapes; and
- workplace hazards.

Site users are urged to immediately report all near misses, incidents and hazards to Site Staff so that they can be recorded and follow-up action implemented.



- ensure that all hazardous chemicals are labelled correctly and that a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for every product is provided in hard copy both at the storage point and in the site office;
- complete an inventory of all chemicals on-hand and determine if the SDS for that product is current;
- make the SDS readily accessible to any worker who is involved in using, handling or storing the chemical and to any emergency service worker, or anyone else, who is likely to be exposed to the hazardous chemical at the workplace;
- inform workers about the new legislative requirements; and
- have safe systems of work in place to manage the risks associated with hazardous chemicals in the workplace.

### GHS pictograms and hazard classes

There are nine hazard pictograms in the GHS which represent the physical, health and environmental hazards of hazardous chemicals.

Reference: The *Globally Harmonised System*, see: [www.worksafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au)

Explosing bomb	Flame	Flame over circle
 Explosive	 Flammable	 Oxidising
Gas cylinder	Skull and crossbones	Exclamation mark
 Gases under pressure	 Acute toxicity	 Health hazards
Corrosion	Health hazard	Environment
 Corrosive	 Chronic Health hazard	 Environmental



## Labelling of Chemicals

The *Globally Harmonised System (GHS) for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals*, commenced in Queensland on 1 January 2017 with other States implementing the system over the next 12 months.

The GHS is a system used to classify and communicate chemical hazards using internationally consistent terms and information on chemical labels and safety data sheets.

To ensure compliance with the new legislative requirements, RLX sites will :

If you have any concerns call the safety hotline on 1800 907 312 or visit  safe work australia