national safe work month

Cleaning

Marcus is an owner driver who has been continuing to haul freight as an essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Marcus knows that he must take care of his own health and safety, as well as the health and safety of others at his workplace under the WHS laws.

To protect himself from COVID-19 on the road, Marcus washes his hands whenever he stops on long haul trips or uses alcohol-based hand sanitiser when he finds facilities at a pit stop are inadequate. When working with others to unload freight Marcus is diligent about practising physical distancing, unless he has no choice but to work in close contact with others (e.g. during loading and unloading the rig).

Marcus sometimes subcontracts to another driver to be able to spend more time with family. Before handing over the truck, Marcus does a more thorough all over clean before the change over. He changes all linen in the sleeper and disinfects the high touch surfaces. His co-driver Josh asked about the cloth seats in the cab and since it's not possible to easily disinfect, Marcus turns to the internet and finds throwover protective seat covers. It's an easy fix and Josh feels relieved, particularly since his wife has a chronic illness putting her in a higher risk category for the virus.

Marcus notices some of the other drivers have started to wear face masks and disposable gloves, so he decides to check the latest government advice. He learns that his current hygiene, cleaning and physical distancing measures are effective in minimising the transmission of COVID-19. Marcus decides that he and his subcontractors do not need to wear any additional personal protective equipment (PPE).

Together, we can create safer workplaces for everyone.

Find out more at **safeworkmonth.swa.gov.au** or go to **swa.gov.au/coronavirus**.

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