# About Safe Work Australia: Transcript

Each year, nearly 200 workers are killed at work. And more than 100,000 workers are compensated for serious work-related injuries.

Preventable work-related injuries and illnesses costs the Australian economy an estimated 61.8 billion dollars each year.

As a national policy body, Safe Work Australia shapes healthier, safer, and productive workplaces. We do this by developing and improving national work health and safety and workers' compensation arrangements.

Our 15 Safe Work Australia members form an inclusive tripartite forum. Members work together to ensure the interests of commonwealth, state, and territory governments. Workers and employers are considered.

An agency of just over 100 staff supports the work of Safe Work Australia. We are a small agency, but our work can affect the lives of 12.5 million working Australians.

Our work continues on from that of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council and the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, who led work health and safety in Australia from 2005 to 2008 and 1985 to 2005 respectively.

Safe Work Australia is committed to developing trusted, consistent, and evidence informed work health and safety and workers' compensation policy, so that every Australian worker can lead a healthy, safe, and productive working life.