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Safe Work Australia is a national policy body responsible for the development and evaluation of the [model WHS laws \(/glossary#model-whs-laws\)](#) (the model laws), which are comprised of:

- [model WHS Act \(/doc/model-work-health-and-safety-act\)](#)
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The model laws have been developed for implementation by all jurisdictions (that is the Commonwealth, states and territories), however they do not apply in a jurisdiction unless the jurisdiction has separately taken action to implement the laws as their own WHS laws.

The model laws have been implemented in all jurisdictions except Victoria.

Each jurisdiction has a WHS regulator that:

- enforces WHS laws
- inspects workplaces
- gives advice.

## Supporting information

- [WHS Regulators' contact information \(/law-and-regulation/whs-regulators-and-workers-compensation-authorities-contact-information\)](/law-and-regulation/whs-regulators-and-workers-compensation-authorities-contact-information)
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## Further advice

SWA is not a regulator and cannot advise you about WHS issues in the workplace. If you need help please contact your state or territory work health and safety authority (</node/3657>).

**We develop national policy relating to WHS and workers' compensation.**

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**The Commonwealth, states and territories regulate and enforce WHS laws.**

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