



Since 01/07/2006, building & structure designers have a duty to the workplace users for occupational health & safety in their designs. (Refer Occupational Health & Safety Act 2004, Section 28 and WorkSafe Victoria, a guide to, Designing Safer Buildings and Structures,) Note - only applies where the building or structure is used as a workplace.

## Compliance Building & Structure Design

Don't wait for construction to progress or completion to arrive before attending to this duty. It's far, far cheaper and client negotiable to deal with the issues on paper than when concrete and steel are in place.

The Occupational Health & Safety Act 2004, Section 28, states

1. A person who designs a building or structure or part of a building or structure who knows, or ought reasonably to know, that a building or structure or the part of the building or structure is to be used as a workplace must ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that it is designed to be safe and without risk to health of persons using it as a workplace for a purpose for which it is was designed. Penalty 500 penalty units for a natural person 2500 penalty units for a body corporate
2. An offence against sub-section (1) is an indictable offence. If you need assistance in understanding and executing this duty, we can assist.

**Service description** - Our Compliance, Building & Structure Design service assists designers achieve compliance with their obligations and legislative requirements (Section 28, Victorian OH&S Act 2004) by assessing design information for the operational building or structure.

**Service details** - We help you identify and assess OHS issues. We work with you to develop practical, achievable and affordable methods to eliminate or mitigate identified safety risks. OHS hazards may include access & egress, amenity and welfare, chemical & hazardous substances, confined spaces, electrics, emergency situations and preparedness, ergonomics, falls, manual handling, fixed and mobile plant, traffic, etc, etc.

**How the service works** - From your drawings and specifications and following a structured routine, we identify OHS issues and concerns, assess compliance or non compliance against legislative, industry and Australian standards, provide practical & affordable suggestions (where required) and sign off on Section 28 compliance.

We assist during briefing, conceptual, schematic or detailed design and documentation stages.

Fisher Jenkin Workplace Safety encourages and assists employers proactively manage workplace safety risks whilst achieving compliance with obligations and responsibilities that employers must embrace in today's business environment.

Please contact our head office or nearest franchise for personal, positive and professional attention to your workplace safety needs.