



Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release

AfPA Training Adopted by Victorian Government as Best Practice for Safer Industry

The Victorian Department of Transport has announced new measures to keep workers safe as they deliver critical road projects, adopting the Australian Flexible Pavement Association's (AfPA) industry leading Be Bitumen Safe training.

The training, announced as an essential part of the Department's Occupational Health and Safety Management requirements, will see all personnel within 15 metres of hot bituminous materials and asphalt upskilled in best practice to increase safety.

Be Bitumen Safe was designed by the Association to keep at-risk workers safe and establish awareness of the risk and reduce incidents through adopting best practice across the country.

Victoria is the second state to integrate the innovative training course, following Western Australia last year. AfPA has commended the Victorian Government's safety-first approach and called for a unified, national approach to road worker safety.

AfPA CEO, Carlos Rial, said:

"The Victorian Department of Transport is to be commended for their willingness to put worker safety first by implementing thorough OHS considerations into contracts, including Be Bitumen Safe training.

"Protection of road specialists working in and around bitumen and asphalt must remain a crucial concern for the delivery of new infrastructure projects, right across the nation.

"Whilst we are thrilled to see WA and Victoria take a leading role in responsible contracting, we must ensure that workers right across the country are also having their well-being looked after through this education."

The Victorian Department of Transport's Occupational Health and Safety Management Document can be downloaded [Here](#).