

Ensuring public safety for certain plant and machinery

Sometimes the use of certain equipment in non-workplaces may put the public at risk. For example, domestic lifts in residential apartment buildings, amusement rides at school fetes and tractors on hobby farms.

The community has a right to expect that equipment in a public space is installed, maintained and operated safely. Since 1994, the *Equipment Public Safety Act 1994* has set out obligations on the designers, manufacturers, suppliers, owners and operators involved with this equipment.

This Act is currently supported by two regulations: the *Equipment (Public Safety) (General) Regulations 1995* and the *Equipment (Public Safety) (Incident Notification) Regulations 1997*.

Both of these regulations have been consolidated into one as part of the broader move to streamline all of Victoria's safety regulations and remove duplication.

Aside from a reduction in red tape with a new emphasis on enabling duty holders to focus their efforts on controlling rather than assessing risks, the regulation generally does not impose any significant changes to existing obligations.

Further information

This information sheet is a guide only. Further information, including web pages providing general advice on Victoria's New EPS and OHS Regulations, is available on the WorkSafe website, at www.worksafe.vic.gov.au. To obtain hard copies please call WorkSafe on 1800 136 089.