



Hunter Occupational Health

Providing a healthy environment in the workplace

The University of Newcastle

The University of Newcastle is ranked in Australia's top 10 research Universities. Research at the University is of the highest quality with dedicated research facilities, buildings and Institutes devoted to rigorous experimentation and quality outputs. Newcastle Innovation facilitates the transfer of knowledge, technology and research from the University to industry and commercial partners.

Hunter Occupational Health

Hunter Occupational Health (HOH) is a consultancy service from the University of Newcastle. It was established in 1989 to provide occupational health and safety services to the local Hunter community and beyond.

Workplace injuries and health problems are real risks that exist in every workplace. HOH can conduct a professional assessment of any workplace environment, and provide safety advice to prevent future mishaps, illnesses, legal cases and worker compensation expenses.

Who can HOH help?

Every workplace needs to be a safe environment to work in. Some examples of who and where HOH can help are:

- Organisations/ businesses
- Employers
- Unions
- Workplace committees
- Individual workers
- Public authorities
- Members of the public

Health

- Public and private hospitals
- Operating theatres
- Healthcare professionals
- Healthcare clinics
- Laboratories

Industry

- Steelmaking
- Mining
- Engineering
- Chemicals
- Services (Electricity, gas, water, telecommunications, local government)
- Offices

Products and services

- Worksite assessment inspections and consultations
- Environmental measurements of air-borne dusts (including asbestos), organic solvents, fumes, metals, gases and chemicals.
- Quantitative assessments of noise, light, ventilation and heat.
- Advice on occupational health and safety policies, hazardous substances, medical examinations, biological monitoring.
- Research into work-related health and hygiene problems.
- Reports on workplace exposures, investigations and related matters.
- Training for Occupational Health and Safety Committees and other topics if required.

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Resources

HOH has available substantial occupational hygiene equipment for environmental assessment. In addition, HOH has full access to University facilities such as databases, laboratories, equipment and the library.

Employees

Director

Peter Devey

Peter is a certified member of the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists. He has a science degree in chemistry and geology, and has completed numerous health and safety courses including a full-time course in Occupational Hygiene at Sydney University. He has over 20 years experience in Occupational Hygiene, becoming HOH Director in the late 1990s.

Director

Valerie Nie

Valerie has over 30 years of university lecturing experience in the field of occupational health and safety, in the UK and Australia. She teaches in occupational health, occupational hygiene, toxicology and ergonomics and consults in occupational hygiene, and is a full member of the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists (MAIOH) and a Certified Occupational Hygienist (COH) in Australia.

Recent success stories!

Hunter Area Pathology Service (HAPS)

“In our field we work closely with formaldehyde, an irritant and alleged carcinogen. It is very important that we monitor the levels of exposure in our laboratories. Peter is able to make those assessments, and ensure that our staff are safe in their work place”

-Robert Borwell, Hospital Scientist, Anatomical Pathology, Pathology North - Hunter.

Newcastle Innovation

“Peter looked at our workstations to which he supplied a detailed report. His report confirmed we are all ergonomically well positioned, but some workstations had poor lighting which we have since corrected”

- Renee Butcher, Occupational Health and Safety Officer for Newcastle Innovation.



Keep your staff and your self safe with Hunter Occupation Health

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