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Report Reinforces Importance Of A Shared Commitment To Safety

Safe Work Australia's report *Work Health & Safety Perceptions, Construction Industry* released today reinforces the importance of employers, employees and contractors having a shared commitment to improving safety on building sites.

"The report provides a valuable snapshot to assist the industry to better understand the range of issues that impact on safety," Wilhelm Harnisch CEO of Master Builders Australia said.

"The report confirms that the building and construction industry takes safety extremely seriously and highlights where the focus needs to be for safety outcomes to continue to improve," he said.

"Eliminating the use of alcohol and drugs is an important example as is increasing awareness that improving safety must be a responsibility shared by both employers and employees," Wilhelm Harnisch said.

"Master Builder will continue working with Safe Work Australia, the Federal Safety Commissioner and the industry to fine tune work health and safety practices to enhance safety," he said.

"It should be noted that Safe Work Australia has identified the construction industry along with many other industries where safety outcomes can be improved," Wilhelm Harnisch said.

"While the Report is based on a limited sample of industry respondents and its findings are 'are only indicative and not conclusive', it nevertheless shows where the industry is doing well in continuing to improve safety and where there is room for improvement," Wilhelm Harnisch said.

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