

# Easier. Safer. More Affordable.

Victorian Budget 2026/27



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## MORE PROTECTION TO KEEP WORKERS SAFE ON THE JOB

The Allan Labor Government is continuing to crack down on unsafe workplaces to protect Victorians.

The *Victorian Budget 2026/27* invests \$13.7 million to keep workers safe, deliver more workplace injury prevention and better support people to return to work.

### Protecting workers

Employers who risk workers' safety are on notice.

WorkSafe will issue more on-the-spot fines for unsafe workplaces.

20 extra WorkSafe inspectors will be recruited to target five of the most dangerous industries for workers: construction, health care and social assistance, public sector, agriculture, and manufacturing.

This builds on the 60 additional WorkSafe inspectors funded by Labor since 2018.

A dedicated health care and social assistance compliance and enforcement division will also be created.

It will protect our hard-working hospital, aged care and allied health services workers.

### Supporting families

The budget invests \$1.4 million to support families grieving a loved one killed at work.

The three-year pilot will help families with navigating the psychological, social and economic impacts of losing a loved one following a workplace death.

This delivers on recommendations from families of injured workers.

Today on International Workers Memorial Day, we remember Victorian victims of a workplace tragedy.

The Labor Government is partnering with Victorian Trades Hall Council and the City of Melbourne to build a permanent memorial sculpture in Melbourne – a dedicated space to grieve and remember those killed at work.

### **Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for WorkSafe and the TAC Ben Carroll**

*“Only Labor is standing up for Victorian workers, stamping out unsafe workplaces and supporting injured workers and their families.”*

*“To lose your life just for doing your job is unthinkable – for the workers affected and for the loved ones left behind.”*