



RTW Interest Group: Accident stories help save lives

In a recent presentation, Spinal Cord Injury Australia's ambassador, David Crawford relayed first hand, the result of poor safety in the workplace.

“After having my design concerns ignored, I fell four meters from a partly constructed roof on a building site. I was just 27, engaged to be married, a qualified builder, had many sporting interests; soccer, surfing, golf, and tennis. All that changed due to my accident”, Mr. Crawford, now wheelchair bound, said.

Presented by Teamsafe Australia's Corporate Partnership Manager, Robert Goldrick, Mr. Crawford's education session brought to light the importance of safe working conditions. “Through Teamsafe our Ambassadors share their stories to help reduce the incidence of injury and fatality in the Australian workplace”, Mr. Goldrick said.

The session, which is one of many regular events held as part of the Sydney City RTW Interest Group, took place in March 2008. Various interest groups exist and are held throughout NSW by WorkCover NSW and private enterprise. They are designed to provide support and information to professionals working within the Workers' Compensation and OH&S professions.

The sessions also provide group members with networking opportunities, and direct access to experts within workers' compensation, OH&S and occupational rehabilitation. Actevate and GSA Workers' Compensation work together to conduct quarterly sessions. Actevate will be conducting four presentations relevant to Injury Managers, RTW Coordinators, OHS Specialists and other related professionals.

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