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Gary Thompson is a Senior Consultant with ERGOSH Safety Management Services Pty. Ltd.

Gary has over 25 years experience in occupational health and safety, in both the manufacturing and construction sectors. This experience includes working for several 'blue ribbon' multi-national companies, including Carlton and United Breweries Limited and W. R. Grace Australia Pty. Ltd.

Gary's experience includes occupational health and safety management, WorkCover and rehabilitation management, and training management. This extensive experience has enabled him to develop innovative strategies that enable organisations to significantly reduce injury occurrences and WorkCover claims, and implement effective rehabilitation programs.

Gary is experienced at advising on all aspects of OHS including safety management, occupational hygiene, and occupational health management.

Over the past fifteen years Gary has worked as an OHS consultant and trainer both in Victoria (Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and South Australia (South Australian Employers' Chamber, and National Safety Council of Australia). During this time he has provided an OHS systems management advisory and consulting service, and developed and presented a diverse range of OHS training programs for both the public and private sectors.

Whilst working for employer organisations Gary has prepared numerous submissions on OHS legislation and standards, and represented employers on a number of peak committees, including the WorkSafe Victoria OHS Sub-Committee.

Gary is able to offer specialist advice on OHS legislation, hazard management, accident control, occupational health monitoring, statistical analysis of safety performance, ergonomics, manual handling, personal protective equipment, and OHS management strategies. He is also experienced in conducting OHS audits and hazard inspections, comprehensive ergonomic surveys, and identifying and implementing ergonomic solutions. Gary has provided extensive assistance in the development of OHS policies and procedures for organisations seeking certification under AS/NZS 4801.

Gary has significant practical experience in designing and presenting innovative OHS training courses for managers, supervisors, employees, health and safety representatives, and health and safety committee members.

Gary has also been a part-time lecturer in OHS at TAFE and similar colleges in both Victoria and South Australia. Gary has also been an invited speaker at both local and overseas OHS conferences.

Gary's extensive practical experience and wide knowledge of occupational health and safety issues enables him to give individually tailored advice on effective OHS program strategies and training courses. Prior to joining ERGOSH Gary was the Principal Consultant Occupational Health and Safety for the Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Gary's formal qualifications include a Master of Applied Science (OHS) Degree; a Graduate Diploma of Occupational Hazard Management; an Associate Diploma of Applied Science (Occupational Health and Safety); and a Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training. He is a member of the Risk Engineering Society.