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CHANGING ATTITUDES TO SAFETY

Young people are almost one and a half times more likely to be injured at work than the average worker, and the statistics show that more than 70 percent of these cases occur within the first year of employment.

In a first for OHS in Australia, PaQS (People and Quality Solutions), a registered training organisation, has launched a new online safety course for Australian apprentices.

The course has evolved from the original, nationally recognised, competency-based course in Advanced Safety Awareness (ASA). The new apprentice ASA course is different from the original, in that it is available online and has been designed and developed to fit into safety induction programs for trainees and apprentices.

The course is designed to develop young worker's attitude to safety, and bolster their confidence and self-esteem through building self-awareness. It also provides them with tips about communication skills that enable them to deal with issues such as conflict and bullying. This emphasis on empowering the individual is fundamental to all PaQS safety training.

Apprentices can complete the course at their own pace, usually in less than two hours. A login and logout feature is available 24/7 providing flexibility and convenience for both the apprentice and their supervisor.

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