



WORKPLACE SAFETY

Advertising Feature

Keeping you in safe hands

FAMILY-OWNED business Jennings McDonald has had a strong presence in the Shoalhaven area since 1954.

April 2013 saw a change of ownership with the company being sold to another family owned business UES International. UES International originated in Melbourne in 1904.

It is now based in Sydney with branches throughout Australia and internationally.

The shift means the only thing to change will be the product range Jennings McDonald can offer customers; it will integrate the UES Transportation Hardware with its already diverse range of products.

"Customers will still see the same familiar faces and the Jennings McDonald name will remain," said manager Clayton Evelyn. Along with that,

Jennings McDonald has access to a vast array of safety products through its extensive network of suppliers and its floor stock is growing all the time.

"If we haven't got it we can get it," said product manager Paul Chalker who has been with the company for more than 30 years.

It's not just about having the right equipment – it's also knowing how to use it and the staff's knowledge sees customers confident they have the right product that is fit for purpose.

"We recognise how much risk there is in the workplace and the responsibility it places on us all – employers and employees alike. The cost and benefits of having a good safety program in place far outweighs the overall cost of not having one," Clayton said.



Jennings McDonald product manager Paul Chalker has extensive knowledge of the company's workplace safety equipment.



WORK, HEALTH & SAFETY ACT 2011 Are you concerned about asbestos?

If your building was constructed prior to 1 January 1987 there is a high likelihood that there are asbestos containing materials (ACM) present.

If you are renovating your home you should have an asbestos audit and report, whether or not the work you are doing requires Council approval.

All Commercial buildings built prior to 1 January 2004 must have an asbestos audit and report, and if there is ACM present in the building you will also require an asbestos register and asbestos management plan.

There is a requirement under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and certain Regulations in that Act for asbestos audits, reports and registers to be in all work places.

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