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This edition of the Handbook which has been restructured and expanded to incorporate new material was prepared in collaboration with a consultant occupational hygienist, Olga Pitt BSc (Hons) Sydney University, CIH (Certified Industrial Hygienist—USA), MAIOH. It makes reference to many Australian and overseas safety Standards concerned with occupational personal protection.

Major changes include new sections dealing with general principles on personal protection in the workplace and guidance for identifying and dealing with hazards encountered in the workplace. Existing material dealing with the prevention of injury to the whole body or various parts of the body such as head, eyes and limbs, and the respiratory system have been expanded to take account of the changes in technology and knowledge about workplace hazards.

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# Chapter 1

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## PERSONAL PROTECTION IN THE WORKPLACE

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