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# Federation Bulletin



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## Professional Seminar Schedule

October 2011 – April 2012

Over the next six months, the Federation is holding a series of professional seminars to address issues at the core of community housing.

The key issues are:

- Work Health & Safety – new legislation;
- Rental subsidy fraud;
- Privacy;
- Residential Tenancies Act – emerging issues.

Details on each of the seminars and how to register for them are below.

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## New Work Health & Safety Laws Seminar

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 9am – 1pm, NSW Teachers Federation, 22-33 Mary Street, Surry Hills (\$225).

The new Work Health & Safety (WH&S) legislation will be come into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2012. These national laws will supersede the former Occupational Health & Safety legislation.

This seminar, run by David Griffiths from CompliSpace, is tailored towards the community housing sector. David will outline the legal and regulatory changes and emerging risks in human resources and workplace safety that will impact on the sector, and provide practical advice on effectively managing these changes. The seminar

For more information, see the [October eBulletin](#).

To register, please fill out the [registration form](#) and fax to (02) 9281 7603 or email to [AdminAssistant@communityhousing.org.au](mailto:AdminAssistant@communityhousing.org.au) by COB Monday 24 October 2011.

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## Managing Rental Subsidy Fraud and Privacy - Joint Seminar

Thursday 24 November 2011, \$225 (venue TBC).

In this seminar, a representative of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commission will speak on Freedom of Information, and a representative of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner will make a presentation on privacy issues. Other speakers include Lynn Houlahan, Deputy Chair Housing Appeals Committee and Alison Morgan,

Tenancy Fraud Unit, Housing NSW.

To register for this joint seminar, please email [MajaF@communityhousing.org.au](mailto:MajaF@communityhousing.org.au)

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## Residential Tenancies Act – Emerging Issues in Social Housing Seminar

14th February 2012 (venue TBC) and April 2012 (date & venue TBC).

The new Residential Tenancies Act (RTA) has been in operation for almost a year. In this seminar, a member of the Consumer, Trade and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) will present on the issues that have emerged from the social housing sector in that time. Other speakers will include representatives from the Housing Appeals Committee, Fair Trading, and the Tenants' Union. Topics will include water charges, DV, no breach notices, among others.

There will be more information coming soon, but if the RTA is important to your work, put the date in your diary.

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