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ALL MEMBERS

ACCC warning on an OHS scam

Members should be aware that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (“ACCC”) has issued a public warning notice relating to the conduct of Safety Compliance Pty Ltd. Safety Compliance Pty Ltd operates its business from Tweed Heads in NSW. The company sells workplace safety material to small businesses across Australia through phone calls.

The ACCC has issued the public warning notices in response to conduct reported in all states and the Northern Territory. The notices allege that Safety Compliance made misrepresentations about occupational health and safety requirements and engaged in harassment, coercion and misleading or deceptive conduct. **Further, the company had falsely claimed to be affiliated with workplace health and safety regulators, and warned employers they were likely to be fined by inspectors if they didn't have their products in place.**

Printing Industries is concerned over such scaremongering used by any company, especially in such an important and sensitive areas as workplace health and safety. I would like to hear from any member who may have been approached by this company. Members seeking advice on workplace health and safety issues should contact *Printing Industries* Employment Relations team on 1800 227 425.

Yours sincerely

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