## 15% of Workplaces Have Been Subjected to a Coroner's Inquest or Fatality Inquiry



Workplace fatalities can result in not only OHS compliance orders or prosecutions for safety violations, but also <u>coroner's inquests</u> or fatality inquiries.

When we recently asked readers if their workplace had ever been subjected to a coroner's inquest or fatality inquiry, 15% said yes, while another 4% didn't know.

Inquests and inquiries may not be as common as OHS prosecutions, but they can be stressful proceedings and their findings can have long-term impact on the employers involved and even entire industry sectors. So it's important to have a basic understanding of these proceedings *before* your company is involved in one.

To learn more about coroner's inquests and fatality inquiries and what to do if your workplace is subjected to one, watch our <u>April 22 webinar recording</u>.

This 90-minute session by OHS lawyers Cheryl A. Edwards and Loretta Bouwmeester will provide insight into the unique inquest process, including strategies to manage this process, minimize negative publicity and avoid recommendations that could impact future functioning of your business.

The webinar will cover topics including:

- How inquests and fatality inquiries occur and when
- What happens and the specific questions answered as required by law
- Participants at an inquest or fatality inquiry
- Why employers may wish to participate in an inquest or fatality inquiry and how to do so
- Potential outcomes of an inquest or fatality inquiry
- Best practices for employers to manage risks and pitfalls in the process.

And there will be a Q&A session as the end in which you can ask the speakers any questions you may have on these proceedings.

Attendance is FREE for all OHS Insider members (just <u>register</u> online) and only \$55 for non-members (<u>register here</u>).