

BULLETIN

Commercial Vehicle Industry Association (Vic)



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Reminder: Chain of Responsibility (CoR)

Primary Duty laws

On 1 October 2018, the [Heavy Vehicle National Law \(HVNL\)](#) was amended to provide that every party in the heavy vehicle transport supply chain has a duty to ensure the safety of their transport activities.

In practical terms, this primary duty represents an obligation to eliminate or minimise potential harm or loss (risk) by doing all that is reasonably practicable to ensure safety.

As a party in the supply chain, the best way to do this is to have [Safety Management Systems \(SMS\)](#) and controls in place, such as business practices, training, procedures and review processes that:

- identify, assess, evaluate, and control risk
- manage compliance with speed, fatigue, mass, dimension, loading and vehicle standards requirements through identified best practice
- involve regular reporting, including to executive officers
- document or record actions taken to manage safety

There is a myriad of CoR compliance tools and systems available on the **National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (HVNR)** website which includes:

- **CoR and Safety Management Systems video presentations**
- **Cor Gap Assessment Tool**
- **Safety Management Systems**
- **Podcasts**
- **Fact Sheets**
- **Industry Codes of Practice**
- **Safety alerts and bulletins**

Feel free to browse the HVNR website using the following link; <https://www.nhvr.gov.au>

For further guidance on Chain of Responsibility in your workplace, call the VACC OHSE Unit on 1300 585 136.

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