

Friday, 27 April 2018

SERVICE TO REMEMBER LIVES LOST AT WORK

The International Workers' Memorial Day service at Adelaide's Pilgrim Uniting Church on Saturday morning will commemorate lives lost to work-related death.

Last year in Australia, there were 186 work-related deaths in 2017, and 40 so far in 2018, with thousands of others affected by injuries or work-related illness and disease.

SafeWork SA Executive Director Martyn Campbell said this annual service is an opportunity for the families, friends and colleagues left behind to share their experiences.

"It is important that we take this opportunity each year to remember the people who never returned home from work," Mr Campbell said.

"These are not just workers who have died. They are mums, dads, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and loved ones.

"It is important that we also acknowledge those who have been injured or made unwell because of their work," he said.

International Workers' Memorial Day, marked annually on 28 April, is supported by the Government of South Australia, Pilgrim Uniting Church, SA Council of Churches, SA Unions, Asbestos Victims Association, Asbestos Diseases Society of SA and Voice of Industrial Death (VOID).

The non-denominational service will be held at 10am at the Pilgrim Uniting Church, 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide, and is hosted by [VOID \(Voice of Industrial Death\)](#). The service will feature a candle-lighting ceremony and the symbolic release of doves.

Anyone affected by a work-related death or significant trauma is welcome to attend the service and to contribute a personal item or photograph for the memorial display.