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## **Drug use workshops**

FRONTLINE Diagnostics will hold a series of workshops in March 2008 to educate Australian employers about drug use in the workplace. Issues to be covered include the prevalence and impact of drugs at work and how to develop policies to ensure a drug-safe workplace.

The Drug-Safe workshops, designed for business owners, managers and Occupational Health and Safety managers, will be held in Sydney, Canberra, Wollongong, Newcastle, Brisbane and Melbourne.

Frontline Diagnostics Managing Director Michael White, a legal expert and toxicologist, will be amongst the speakers who will be presenting during the two-hour workshops. According to Mr White, 70 percent of drug users in Australia are employed, but most managers are oblivious to drug use and drug impairment at work.

“Organisations need to remember that a reputation for drug use will kill a business just as fast as it will kill a drug user,” he said.

The upcoming workshops will focus on a number of areas including how to develop and implement a drug and alcohol policy; training managers and teaching employees about company policy; differences between the types of drug testing available; using Frontline Diagnostics to screen an entire workplace for the presence of drugs and how to structure an effective random drug testing program for employees.