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## **“Recyclers Tackle Risks!”**

***Risk Management Guidelines, tailored to assist auto parts recyclers/dismantlers.***

The Auto Parts Recyclers Association of Australia Inc (APRAA) has worked closely with CGU and the VACC to develop and finalise a set of Insurance Risk Management Guidelines for release to the auto parts recycling/dismantling industry. The Guidelines were officially released at the APRAA national conference late last year. This information, developed in consultation with APRAA, is specifically aimed at assisting auto parts recyclers/dismantlers,” said Alan Marshall, APRAA Executive Officer. “Due to the great need for better risk management thinking and procedures to be adopted by small businesses in our sector, APRAA was keen to progress this initiative and kick things off, with the full support of CGU and VACC,” noted Alan.

The information is designed to assist businesses to appreciate, identify, evaluate and control certain risks and hazards. The Guidelines are very comprehensive. For example, the information covers signage requirements, general house keeping, hazard control, welding & cutting, site access issues and parts inspection procedures - including practical checklists on risk management systems, fire prevention, security and legal liability as well.

“I would highly recommend every auto parts recycler/dismantler take the time to review these Guidelines, whether an APRAA member or not”, offered Alan Marshall. “But keep in mind they are not an exhaustive list of risk management strategies. Hence owners should also seek independent professional advice for their specific business before jumping into action”.

“In fact, CGU underwrite our national industry insurance program, which is managed through OAMPS Insurance Brokers” highlighted Alan. “So it makes very good sense to promote the Risk Management Guidelines in our industry to help our members improve their businesses and obtain cost effective ‘industry tailored’ insurance cover through our own industry program. APRAA is very pleased to have a national insurance program in place since 1994. Any auto parts recycler/dismantler inquiry should be made direct to OAMPS via phone 1800 240 432. Ask for Ken Silvers or Tony Spall, who work closely with our industry”.

And finally, Alan noted, “While there is no guarantee your premiums will reduce, it can only help you improve your insurability, plus control your risks and associated costs. A ‘win’ for business and a ‘win’ for improving the industry!”

The Guidelines are available to anyone in the industry, simply by visiting APRAA’s association Website ( [www.apraa.com](http://www.apraa.com) - click ‘About APRAA’ and page down). Why not take a look at APRAA’s On-Line Recycled Parts “free” Locating System at the same time.

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***On-Line Parts Locating “free service” - refer .... [www.apraa.com](http://www.apraa.com)***

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## **ABOUT APRAA:**

APRAA is the peak, national association for the auto parts recycling/dismantling industry (refer [www.apraa.com](http://www.apraa.com) ). APRAA is an affiliate chapter of the Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) based in the USA ( [www.autorecyc.org](http://www.autorecyc.org) ).

APRAA was the dream of a small but visionary group of auto recyclers who wanted to make a difference, to progress the auto industry from 'wreckers' to 'recyclers'. This key group set the foundations to harness an active and passionate industry, to achieve a recognised and respected national representation for auto parts recyclers/dismantlers throughout Australia. APRAA is currently working with the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council to progress a Code of Practice for auto recyclers.

More than 500,000 vehicles are retired from Australian roads each year. Recent reports by both the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council and the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage found that there are significant levels of pollution and criminal activity resulting from non-existent or inadequate controls on the illegitimate operators in the industry.

Overseas research has shown End-of-Life-Vehicle (ELV) contaminants that enter the environment include fluids such as oil, petrol, brake fluids, coolant etc as well as toxic heavy metals such as lead, hexavalent chromium, mercury, along with PCBs. While the metal fraction of ELVs is generally recovered by metal recyclers, at least 100,000 tonnes of waste from ELVs is generated annually, representing a substantial resource loss.

- For a copy of the Commonwealth Government's *Information Paper on the Environmental Impacts of End-of-Life Vehicles*, refer [www.deh.gov.au](http://www.deh.gov.au) .
- For a copy of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council's Proposal for a *Code of Practice for Dealers in Second Hand Auto Parts*, refer [www.carsafe.com.au](http://www.carsafe.com.au) under the *Publications* section.
- To dispose of an unwanted ELV, access your nearest APRAA member via the *Planet Ark website* [www.recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au)
- For details on the *APRAA Accreditation Program and Directory*, or for a copy of the *APRAA Waste Oil Management brochures* - refer the APRAA Website [www.apraa.com](http://www.apraa.com) .

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For more information on APRAA, refer APRAA's website [www.apraa.com](http://www.apraa.com), contact Alan Marshall at the APRAA National Office. Why not take a look at APRAA's On-Line Recycled Parts "free" Locating System at the same time.



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