

SCHOOL CLEANER UNION NEWS



Do you know you risk legal action when doing your job?

The fact is, you do. Only members of the LHMU, the Union for teacher aides, have access to free legal advice and representation if they ever have to defend legal actions as a result of doing their job. Read more about how to protect yourself and your job.

This example, based on actual cases in Queensland, demonstrates the potential risks faced by teacher aides every day:

A student at a regional primary school was injured in the playground.

Two teacher aides were accused of being negligent in their duty of care towards that

Teacher aide A:

Teacher aide A was a member of the LHMU and contacted her Union organiser immediately.

The Union not only represented her during the preliminary investigations at district and central office levels, but also contacted the Union's lawyers who acted on her behalf throughout the proceedings.

The cost of both of these forms of representation to the teacher aide was nil.

Teacher aide B:

Teacher aide B was not a member of the Union and represented herself during the preliminary investigations at the school.

She contacted her own solicitor and paid for her own legal representation throughout the proceedings.

Because the teacher aide was not a financial member of the LHMU, Union officials were unable to assist her in efforts to defend herself and her job.

Which teacher aide are you?

**Can you afford not to be a member of the
teacher aide Union, the LHMU?**



To find out who your local LHMU organiser is, contact LHMU Member Assist on 3291 4600 or 1800 065 885. Remember the LHMU is the Union for all teacher aides and it pays to belong.

For more information on entitlements and membership telephone 3291 4600 or go to <http://www.lhmu.org.au/qld>
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