

## Furniture and floor covering retailers focus of new campaign in NSW

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The Fair Work Ombudsman will audit up to 250 furniture and floor covering retailers across NSW over the next four months as part of a new education and compliance campaign.

As well as furniture and floor covering retailers, the campaign will include retailers of a range of other household goods such as curtains, carpets and manchester.

Audits will be conducted in locations including Sydney, Newcastle, Northern NSW, Illawarra and South Coast NSW.

Fair Work Inspectors will check employers are paying workers in-line with minimum wage rates, penalty rates, overtime rates and minimum hours of engagement.

Inspectors will also check employers are complying with record-keeping and pay slip obligations and provide information designed to help employers meet their obligations to employees.

Fair Work Ombudsman, Nicholas Wilson, said the sector has been selected for auditing because it has been identified as a persistent source of underpayment complaints.

Mr Wilson said where contraventions are identified, Fair Work Inspectors will work with individual businesses to help them voluntarily rectify mistakes and put processes in place to prevent issues in the future.

“This campaign is an ideal opportunity for retailers in this sector in NSW to check that they understand their obligations under workplace laws, including Modern Awards and the National Employment Standards,” Mr Wilson said.

“We are committed to helping employers with tools and information they need to meet their obligations under workplace laws and ensure that their employees receive their full entitlements.”

The Fair Work Ombudsman’s website - [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) - has a number of tools and resources, including PayCheck Plus and an Award Finder, to assist business-owners to calculate the correct pay for their staff and for employees to check that they’re receiving everything their entitled to.

Workers or employers seeking support can also call the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94. A free interpreter service is available by calling 13 14 50.

Workers and employers can sign up to receive the Fair Work Ombudsman’s eNewsletter at [www.fairwork.gov.au/enewsletter](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/enewsletter) ([www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/newsletter/default](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/newsletter/default)) .

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