



## Workplace Health & Safety

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### National news

#### Fatality in Precast Yard

National Precast wishes to express its deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the worker who lost his life after reportedly being crushed by a concrete pile on a site in Townsville. We are all shocked and saddened by the event which has hit close to home for many in our industry. Tragedies like this serve as a sad reminder to us all, to be ever vigilant when it comes to workplace health and safety. Read more via the link below.

[Townsville Bulletin](#)

<p><b>Worker fatalities for 2017</b></p> <p>Unfortunately as at 30 March, we have seen an increase in the number of deaths in the construction industry compared to this time last year.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>	
	<p><b>Know your WHS responsibilities for engaging labour hire workers</b></p>





With labour hire being critical to the cyclical nature of the precast industry, are you up to date on your responsibilities when attaining staff through labour hire agencies? Inquiries have been conducted by South Australia's Parliament, the Queensland Parliament, the Senate, the Fair Work Ombudsman and an independent inquiry commissioned by the Victorian Government.

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## State news



### NSW: \$250k fine for amputated fingers

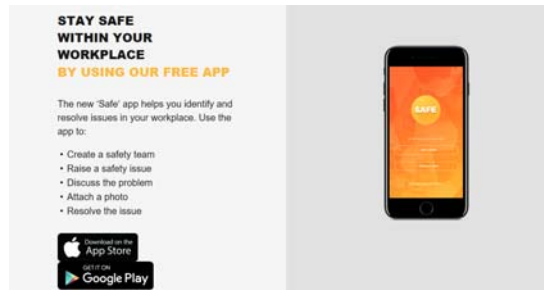
Eye and hand injuries contribute to the highest non-fatal claim rate for workers in the manufacturing industry. A Coffs Harbour business has been fined and charged with a breach of section 32/19(1) of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (NSW). It serves as an important reminder to adequately train and supervise new staff!

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### NSW: New 'Safe' app

Use this new Safework NSW app to create a safety team, raise a safety issue, discuss the issue, attach a photo and resolve the issue.

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### NSW: Worker killed at Sydney Harbour building site

This tragic incident highlights the cross industry dangers of suspended loads.

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**WA: Young crane dogman killed on a construction site**

Worksafe is investigating claims that a strong gust of wind blew a prefabricated wall panel over, crushing a young worker.

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**Department of  
Commerce**

**WA: Worksafe WA has issued two new checklists**

The [Isolation of damaged plant checklist](#) applies where any inspection, cleaning, repair, maintenance or alteration of plant is carried out or where there is an immediate risk to safety.

The [Traffic management work checklist](#) is for worker safety on or near public roads.

**QLD: Preventing eye and hand injuries in the manufacturing industry**

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland inspectors visited around 200 Queensland manufacturing workplaces as part of an eye and hand injury prevention campaign.

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**QLD: Regulator comes down hard on safety breaches**

Three successful industrial prosecutions and the first ever alleged category 1 offences under work safety laws have again shown that Workplace Health and Safety Queensland will come down hard on businesses and/or individuals who don't do the right thing.

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**VIC: Free WHS assessment**

The WorkSafe OHS Essentials Program is a free safety consultation service delivered by [an independent occupational health and safety \(OHS\) consultant](#). The consultant will come to your workplace, help you identify hazards and provide a practical safety



action plan.

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**VIC: Safe work method statements**

This Worksafe Victoria information bulletin explains how to prepare and use a safe work method statement (SWMS) for high risk construction work and who needs to prepare one.

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