



Workplace Health & Safety

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State news

VIC: When precast is erected on low-strength concrete

Those of you involved in erecting precast concrete would know that this type of construction work is high risk, but do you know how to manage the risks? WorkSafe Victoria has released an information sheet detailing the precautions that should be taken when erecting concrete panels on early age low-strength concrete slabs.

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VIC: Workplace initiative puts spotlight on mental health

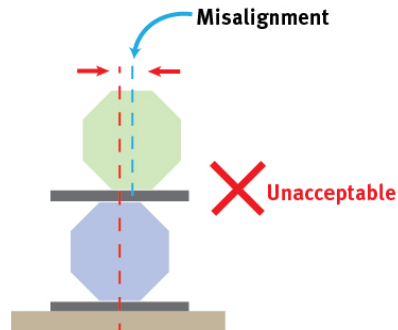
The Victorian Small Business Commissioner has launched an initiative to help create a mentally-healthy workplace for both business owners and employees.

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QLD: Preventing the collapse of stacked materials

If you work with, in or around stacked materials, then this alert is for you. The Queensland Government has released a safety alert to help prevent the collapse of stacked materials.

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QLD: New laws to prevent worksite deaths

Determined to see an end to workplace deaths, the Queensland Government is introducing new laws. These will enable the state's building regulator to take action where there is a threat to the safety of workers on sites.

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QLD: New offence targeting deadly workplace practices

The Queensland Government has announced that it will introduce a new criminal offence of 'negligence causing death'. The announcement follows an interim recommendation from the Best Practice Review of Workplace Health and Safety.

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SA: Construction worker killed in crane accident

A 35-year-old man was killed after getting caught between a crane and the precast concrete jersey barriers it was transporting. Occurring at 9:30PM, the tragedy comes amid concerns about the safety of construction workers at night.

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SA: Safety the heart of a new minimum training standard

SafeWork SA has introduced a new minimum training standard that aims to reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities for workers using elevating work platforms. Is your workplace compliant?

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NSW: Workers injured as crane collapses

Three workers were injured after a crane collapsed into an apartment complex in Wolli Creek, Sydney. The crane is believed to have been in the process of being set up when it fell backwards, slamming into a top-floor penthouse apartment.

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National news

Join the conversation with Safe Work Australia

Safe Work Australia has launched a new consultation platform for you to connect with them on a more interactive and creative level. Join the conversation and have your say!

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Understanding the risks of EWP

There have been several incidents where workers have been crushed against fixed structures while manoeuvring EWPs, and many have resulted in fatalities. This safety alert details the dangers and recommended controls for EWPs.

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Developing a safety culture

Fall protection training isn't one-size-fits-all. Here are five things you ought to know about developing a safety culture at the workplace where fall protection is concerned.

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International news

Top 10 safety and health violations (US)

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in the US has released a 'Top 10' guide to safety in a precast factory.

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Workers feel safety comes second (US)

America's National Safety Council survey revealed that 58% of construction workers feel that their employers prioritise productivity over safety.

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Safety suffers with financial pressure (US)

A recent US study revealed that workplace injury rates are up to 15% higher in companies that just meet or barely exceed financial expectations; what is concerning is that the same could apply here.

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The silent killer (US)

US studies have found that construction and extraction industries have the second-highest rate of worker suicide. With stigma surrounding suicide in both industries, workers with mental health issues often fail to seek help.

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