



## Workplace Health & Safety

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### National Code update not imminent

NP has been advised that the review of the National Code of Practice by Safe Work Australia is pending Queensland's Office of Industrial Relations' review of the Queensland code (which is similar to the National Code). We were advised at a recent meeting with the Office that the Queensland code review is not likely to occur until mid-late 2017. Accordingly, NP will be making contact with senior staff at Safe Work Australia to call for the urgent review of the Code.

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### October is National Safe Work Month

The CEO of Safe Work Australia, has launched National Safe Work Month in a video message that raises awareness about work health and safety.

[View the video.](#)

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### Encourage healthy living with your people

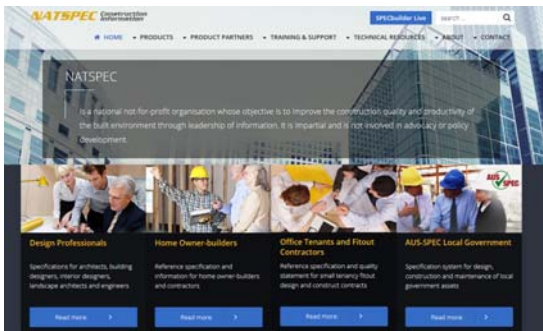
A wellness programme could be the answer...

contact Deborah from [Live Life You](#) on 0422 130 731 or [read more](#) from NPCA in the US.

## National Construction Product Register

NATSPEC will assist the Australian construction industry mitigate the risk of non-conforming products by setting up a National Construction Products Register.

[Read more.](#)



## Scientific evaluation of workplace exposure standards

Safe Work Australia has announced it will evaluate the workplace exposure standards for more than 600 chemicals to ensure worker health and safety in Australia is comparable with latest evidence and international best practice.

[Read more.](#)

## New chemical database provides easy access to chemical information

A new, easy to search chemicals database is available on the Safe Work Australia website. [Read more.](#)



## 20 out of 126 fatalities in construction this year

As of 7th October, 20 of the 126 worker deaths in Australia this year have occurred in the construction industry, according to Safe Work Australia. [Read more.](#)

[Read more.](#)

## National news






## State news



Department of  
Commerce

## WA: Reminder on transport and delivery of concrete panels

WorkSafe WA has issued a reminder to anyone involved in the transportation and delivery of precast concrete wall panels to ensure that strict safe work procedures are in place.

	<a href="#">Read more.</a>
<p><b>VIC: WorkSafe Prevention of Falls Focus Campaign</b></p> <p>One of the leading causes of death and serious injury to construction workers is falls from height.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more.</a></p>	
	<p><b>VIC: Spring high wind warning</b></p> <p>Construction sites warned to batten down ahead of strong winds.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>
<p><b>ACT: Death at University of Canberra hospital worksite</b></p> <p>A construction worker from Sydney died at the University of Canberra public hospital work site, when a mobile crane rolled over while moving a large generator at a low height.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more.</a></p>	
	<p><b>QLD: Gold Coast car park had serious structural defects prior to accident</b></p> <p>The Gold Coast council was warned at least two years before a woman was trapped by a falling concrete slab, that the ageing Bruce Bishop car park had serious structural defects.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more.</a></p>
<p><b>QLD: Two men fatally crushed in concrete panel collapse</b></p> <p>A concrete slab crushed two men to death while they were working on a major redevelopment of the stables at the Eagle Farm Racecourse.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more.</a></p>	





### **NSW:** Safety alert issued after injuries while working under a truck

WorkCover has issued an alert following the injury of a worker under a truck not properly immobilised.

[Read more.](#)

### **QLD:** WorkCover warns of crane short legging risks

A safety alert has been issued to highlight the risks associated with the practice of short legging mobile concrete placement booms, mobile cranes and truck mounted elevating work platforms.

[Read more.](#)



### **NSW:** Fit for purpose lifting gear needed

NSW Department of Industry has called for the use of appropriate lifting tackle following a concrete block falling when lifting chain slipped while the blocks were being unloaded from a flat top truck.

[Read more on page 2 of the PDF found here.](#)

## **International news**



### **USA:** Precast panel in car park falls

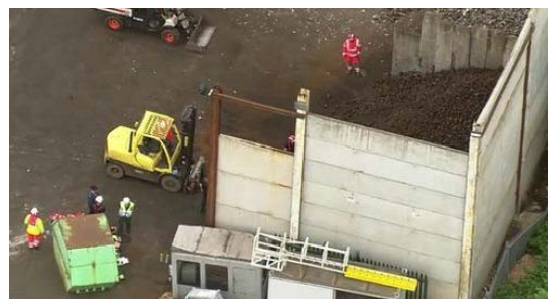
Construction workers were fortunately not injured after a large concrete panel of an under-construction car park fell nearly six stories to the ground.

[Read more.](#)

### **UK:** Five die in concrete wall collapse

Five workers were killed at a recycling site in Birmingham when a concrete retaining wall holding scrap metal collapsed.

[Read more.](#)





## **USA:** Wind knocks concrete wall to the ground

A construction worker was injured after a 40-tonne concrete wall pinned him to the ground.

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