



Workplace Health & Safety

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Making safety costs transparent

Should safety costs be identified in the tender process to improve safety outcomes?

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Site Management Plans vs Management systems

Refresh your understanding of differences between the two in this article.

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National news

Transport leads workplace fatalities

Transport led the number of workplace fatalities in 2016, with Construction in third place. 17% (30) of recordable workplace deaths were in the construction industry. [Read more](#)



Heat stress is real

Heat stress in the factory or on a construction site can have significant consequences and can occur not just from temperatures but from a variety of factors. [Read more](#)

Managing risks of airborne contaminants

Are you aware of your responsibilities when it comes to airborne contaminants? Read Safe Work Australia's [Model Code of Practice: Managing Risks of Hazardous Chemicals in the Workplace](#), for practical guidance on minimising risk and [Exposure standards](#) to assess risk. [Or watch a virtual seminar here.](#)





Do you make energy drinks available to your employees?

Having become increasingly popular with workers, energy drinks can have negative health effects and the risks need to be understood. [Read more](#)




The important role of supervisors of young workers

Young workers can be more vulnerable to workplace risk and a [Young worker safety toolkit](#) is available to help supervisors. [Read more](#)



	<p>Workplace fatalities: Compensation for PTSD</p> <p>A worker involved in a workplace fatality who developed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder has been awarded \$35,000 compensation. It highlights the need to look after workers who have been involved in serious incidents. Read more</p>
<p>Workplace fatalities: Support guide</p> <p>An updated support guide is available from WorkSafe Queensland, for people affected by a workplace fatality. Read more</p>	

State news

<p>QLD: Tools for managing transport risk</p> <p>Resources produced by WorkCover Queensland assist in minimising risk with securing loads, preventing falls, managing traffic and immobilising vehicles. Read more</p>	
	<p>QLD: Prosecutions serve as warnings</p> <p>Fines and/or convictions for inadequate training, leaving people exposed to hazardous equipment, and unlicensed crane operators serve as warnings to employers. Read more</p>
<p>SA: Intimidating a WHS inspector ruled unacceptable</p> <p>Aggressive behaviour towards a SafeWork SA inspector resulted in a fine and court costs. Read more</p>	



NSW: Managing risks of high pressure hoses

A Safety Alert has been issued following a broken arm caused by a high pressure hose. [Read more](#)

NSW: Engineering company fined \$225,000 for fatality

Foreseeable risk, as well as the lack of a SWMS, work plan, instructions, appropriate equipment and properly engineered load-bearing supports all contributed to a worker's death and resulted in the breach of the Work Health and Safety Act (NSW) and a \$225,000 fine. [Read more](#)



VIC: Prosecutions reported by WorkSafe Victoria

WorkSafe Victoria publishes summaries of prosecutions that result in a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt against an accused party. [Read more](#)

WA: Construction worker not wearing harness

According to the builder at a WA construction site, a 27-year old worker was not wearing a harness when she fell to her death. [Read more](#)
Meanwhile an apprentice supervisor has expressed concerns about the lack of safety at the site. [Read more](#)



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