



Workplace Health & Safety

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Fantastic reference site!

Our UK counter part, British Precast have a fantastic reference site - safeprecast.com. This site features a range of helpful guides, tools and news to help make using precast even safer.

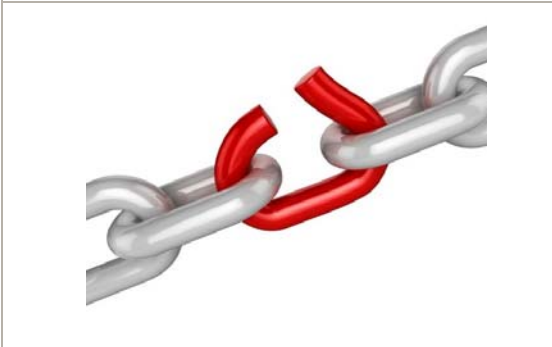
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Construction industry ranks third highest for fatalities

As of the end of May, the stats for construction related worker deaths are on par with this time last year.

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Industry of workplace	Preliminary worker deaths 2015	Preliminary worker deaths year-to-date 2015	Preliminary worker deaths year-to-date 2016
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	56	18	19
Transport, postal & warehousing	53	19	18
Construction	26	7	7
Mining ²	12	8	1
Manufacturing	10	4	0
Arts & recreation services	7	2	3
Electricity, gas, water & waste services	7	3	5
Administrative & support services	6	3	0
Other services	4	3	3
Public administration & safety	3	0	1



Safety responsibilities extend throughout your supply chain

It's one thing to keep your own workforce safe, but responsibilities extend beyond that. It's best to take an interest in safe practices of everyone in your supply chain.

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WorkSafe Vic releases information sheet on precast erection responsibilities

WorkSafe Victoria has published an information sheet on erecting precast in an attempt to clarify the roles and responsibilities of those involved in the precast construction.

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Technology on site: the top 5 worst practices

If you offer precast erection and make use of technology (of the IT type), then it's worth knowing about where things can go wrong.

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Call for unions to abide by safety laws

Fair Work Building & Construction has called for union officials to abide by safety laws as a condition of their right of entry.

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Codes remade as ‘separate instruments’ to improve accessibility and change

Similar to what is likely to occur with the precast industry’s National Code of Practice, effective 31st March 2016, several other Codes of Practice have been remade (with only minor changes) as ‘separate instruments’ to improve accessibility and streamline the update process. They include codes on construction work, risk of falls, plant risk and welding.

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Incidents

NT: Precast panel collapse in NT

A precast wall panel at a supermarket construction site in Palmerston, NT, fell to the ground as work continued around it.

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SA: Concrete pipe falls into peak hour traffic – construction company fined \$130,000

Workers were installing a four-metre concrete drain pipe on an elevated road when a two-metre, 40 kilogram section broke off and fell around 15 metres into evening peak hour traffic.

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QLD: Airport tunnel collapse causes death – construction company fined \$170,000

A mechanical fitter was working on smoke duct formwork in the Airport Link tunnel in 2011 when a section he was cutting collapsed, causing severe crush injuries. He died in hospital two days later.

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VIC: Concrete pumping truck tips over – Principal contractor fined \$50,000

A construction company was recently convicted and fined \$50,000 over an incident in which a concrete truck tipped over and seriously injured a worker after unknowingly setting up on top of a temporarily covered ventilation shaft.

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Canada: Precast company fined \$65,000 after worker suffers critical injuries

A precast company pleaded guilty and was fined \$65,000 after a worker suffered critical injuries from panels that tipped over.

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UK: Precast worker injured loading a vehicle - precaster fined \$50,000

Worker was loading freestanding concrete units onto his vehicle using a side loader. Whilst unscrewing a lifting shackle from the top of the concrete units, the attachment struck him, knocking him off the vehicle. He suffered a broken collarbone, fractures to both shoulders and two broken ribs.

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