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Safe Work Australia update incorrect fall arrest diagram

Safe Work Australia have amended the *Model Code of Practice - Managing the Risk of Falls at Workplaces* after a diagram that showed example calculations for a fall arrest system was found to be incorrect. The code was developed to provide guidance to persons designing, constructing, importing, supplying or installing plant or structures, on how to manage health and safety risks arising from falls.

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Safe stressing

Until a stressing best practice can be developed by the industry, National Precast members may wish to adapt and implement an excellent best practice document that has been produced by British Precast.

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Workers' Compensation at a glance

Produced by Safe Work Australia - *Key Workers' Compensation Information* is a quick reference guide to workers' compensation. It covers entitlements, eligibility, costs, and a range of other useful information.

Read more and download the booklet [here](#)



Exposure to multiple hazards among Australian workers

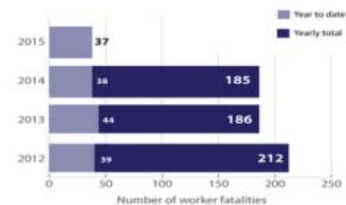
A research report from Safe Work Australia on *The 2008 National Hazard Exposure Worker Surveillance (NHEWS) Survey* summarises the research findings for self-reported exposure to multiple hazards. It has been written to inform the development of work health and safety policies to reduce exposure to hazards in Australian workplaces.

Read more and download the report [here](#)

Construction industry: 3rd highest deaths in 2014

Recent statistics from Safe Work Australia show a total of 185 work related deaths during 2014. The construction industry recorded the third highest number of workplace fatalities with 29 deaths.

Read more [here](#)



Construction labourers take more risks

A new report on the attitudes of Australia workers towards acceptance of risk taking and rule breaking in the workplace is now available.

The report shows that labourers were "generally more accepting of risk taking and much more accepting of rule breaking within the workplace in comparison to workers in other occupations. Within the labourers group, construction & mining labourers and factory process workers appeared to be the most accepting of risk taking."

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SAI's SWMS library rewritten

SAI's Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) are fully editable templates which document processes for identifying and controlling health and safety hazards and risks.

SAI Global's comprehensive library of over 400 SWMS has been updated in-line with current legislation.

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NEW Safety of Machinery Series

Before using any machine, you need to understand what risks may occur and how these can be managed. Standards Australia has recently updated 22 publications in the AS/NZS 4024, Safety of Machinery Series covering a wide range of areas.

View AS/NZS 4024.1-2014, Safety of Machinery Series [here](#)

or



The full range of Standards AS/NZS 4024, Safety of Machinery can be seen [here](#).

SA: Transport falls risk guide now available

National Precast was involved in the development of a guide to manage the risk of falls from height during the transporting (loading, unloading, rigging) of precast panels and elements. Released by Safework SA, the document is being widely distributed to precasters, transporters and construction companies in SA.

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WA: On the lookout for fraud

WorkSafe WA has recently been made aware of fraud with regard to High Risk Work Licences and Statements of Attainment for tilt-up construction work in Western Australia. WA Police have commenced an investigation into the matter.

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WA: Worker crushed by crane

An accident in which a worker had his legs crushed on Barrow Island, off Western Australia's Pilbara coast, is being investigated by federal workplace safety body Comcare.

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QLD: Driving under concrete beam gets expensive

A Gold Coast company has been fined \$40,000 after pleading guilty to a charge of failing to provide a safe working environment. This was after a female worker suffered serious head injuries when the scissor lift she was operating drove under a low concrete beam.

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USA: Tape measure kills worker

A tape measure has fallen from a 50th floor and hit a worker standing on the ground, striking him on the head when he was not wearing his hard hat. The 58-year-old victim was taken to hospital but went into cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead later that morning.

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USA: Worker dies after becoming trapped in concrete silo

Whilst repair work was being performed on the inside of a storage silo a worker lost his footing and slipped. He became trapped under the gravel and was pronounced dead at the scene.

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USA: Concrete piling kills excavator operator

A worker in the US has died after a concrete piling went through the cab of an excavator. Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Administration confirmed the worker was operating the excavator before the concrete crushed the vehicle's cab.

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UK: British Precast Safety Alerts



British Precast has identified two lifting related safety incidents and has released a briefing for each. One incident involved a lifting operation which resulted in a broken toe. The second was an incident where a steel rope failed whilst suspending a load, which resulted in a broken jaw.

See first briefing [here](#) and the second briefing [here](#)

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