



Safety Snapshots

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A quarterly look at WHS across Australia as it relates to the precast industry.

National news



Safe Work Australia releases new guidance material

Safe Work Australia has released a range of new guidance material. [More](#)

Of particular interest - [The Form and Falsework package](#)



Safety campaign urges workers to stand up for their rights

At a morning service held in Canberra, a national safety campaign was launched by the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU), urging workers to stand up for their rights.

Injured workers and families of workers who have died as a result of workplace accidents attended the annual service to pay their respects and lay flowers at the official memorial. [More](#)



Falls are one of the leading causes of workplace fatalities

A new report from Safe Work Australia has revealed that injuries received while working at height are one of the leading causes of death and serious injuries in Australian workplaces. [More](#)



Here is what can happen when a crane is not operated correctly

Crane accidents often occur with little warning and devastating results. Always ensure cranes are operated by experienced users with the appropriate licences and insurance. [View Video](#)

State news



WA Formwork collapse

Six construction workers are lucky to be alive after they fell about 4.5m when the formwork they were working on collapsed at a Welshpool warehouse. [More](#)



SA Crane dumps it's load

Workers at the new Royal Adelaide Hospital downed tools after a crane accidentally dropped its load. Union officials met with workers to discuss the safety issue — the fourth of its kind since last November. [More](#)

QLD



Driver killed after concrete truck crash

A concrete truck has crashed and rolled into the Nogo River, west of Monto. [More](#)



ACT

Going against the trend

The ACT has bucked a nationwide trend towards safer construction sites, according to new figures that show a 17 per cent spike in serious accidents on local worksites between 2011 and 2012. [More](#)



ACT

Prohibition notices issued to concrete pumping company

WorkSafe ACT has issued Prohibition Notices preventing a local concrete pumping company from using two of its concrete trucks until they are properly serviced. [More](#)

International news



Brazil

Rushed construction leads to World Cup deaths

Low-quality building work resulting from poor scheduling and reduced concern for construction quality has led to a number of needless deaths in the World Cup host nation. [More](#)



Brazil

Deaths during the construction of World Cup stadium

At the World Cup stadium in Sao Paulo in the jungle city of Manaus, working conditions have resulted in three construction-related deaths. [More](#)



United States

Worker suffers electrical shock operating a concrete boom truck

A 24 year old construction worker, was severely shocked and listed in critical condition. He was operating a hose connected to a concrete pump truck when the boom of the truck hit a high-voltage power line. [More](#)

The future of safety



Camera-equipped drones inspect construction sites

Construction sites in the U.S. are now inspected using camera-equipped unmanned aerial vehicles. [More](#)

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