



Safety Snapshots

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

National news



One in five serious workplace injuries involve a tradie

A recent report by the Australian Physiotherapy Association shows that tradies have among the highest number of injuries, musculoskeletal conditions and other health and safety risks of any profession. [More](#)



Safe Work Method Statement templates available

A Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) must be prepared before high-risk construction work begins.

SAI GLOBAL

SAI Global has a range of fully editable templates to help you identify and control health and safety hazards and risks. [More](#)



Are your visitors safe?

Suppose a delivery person is hurt while unloading materials at your factory. Or, perhaps a subcontracted transport company drops a precast panel on the highway. Even worse, what if the panel topples onto another car? Read about how a US precast factory has addressed these risks. [More](#)



135 Australians killed at work so far in 2014

135 people have been killed at work so far in 2014; of these, 19 have come from the construction industry. [More](#)

State news



NSW

New codes of practice

Twelve new codes of practice to improve safety in NSW workplaces came into force recently.

The codes are part of the national harmonised work health and safety laws that were adopted by NSW in 2012. The new codes replace a number of existing codes that were in place under previous occupational health and safety laws. [More](#)

VIC

Construction site fall leaves man in hospital



A man was left seriously injured after falling five metres from the top of a construction site in Melbourne. [More](#)



VIC

Safety Alert - Securing precast concrete panels to steel

WorkCover Victoria has issued a Safety Alert for the use of panel securing clips to connect precast concrete panels to steel work. [More](#)



QLD

Concrete slab falls on exit ramp at Brisbane Airport car park

A Brisbane Airport car park was closed after a concrete panel collapsed from an upper level, narrowly missing people in cars.

National Precast has made contact with Workplace Health & Safety QLD and will update members once more details become available. [More](#)



ACT

Safety Blitz on truck-mounted concrete placing booms

Several significant compliance issues have been identified as a result of a recent WorkSafe ACT safety blitz on truck-mounted concrete placing booms. [More](#)



ACT

Charges laid for worker's death

Charges of Reckless Conduct, a Category One offence, have been laid under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, against a company and a worker in relation to maintenance of a concrete boom, which was undertaken in NSW. [More](#)

International news



United States

Precast bridge stands up against earthquake testing

One of the world's most powerful earthquake simulators has been used to test the mettle of an innovative new precast concrete bridge. [More](#)



United States

Concrete saw cuts into mans chest

A construction worker was taken to the hospital following a serious accident on the job. Police say the man was cutting concrete in a trench when the saw slipped and cut his chest. [More](#)



United States

Concrete slab crushes construction worker

A concrete slab crashed to the ground in September, trapping and killing a worker at a Midtown Manhattan construction site. [More](#)

Safety in China



How not to work at heights - an oldie but a goodie!

They do things a little differently in China. [More](#)

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