



Workplace Health & Safety

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State news

ACT: Truck wedged under Commonwealth Bridge

A truck carrying a precast concrete wall slab hit the Commonwealth Avenue Bridge on Parkes Way before blocking the tunnel and sending concrete debris onto the road.

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NSW: Crane topples into Sydney Harbour

A crane operating near Luna Park toppled into Sydney Harbour. A snapped cable was sent flying through the air and onto the entry gate of the amusement park.

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QLD: Mobile crane collides with car

A Queensland coroner investigating a crane and car collision that killed a mother and her six-year-old son has called for urgent changes to national heavy vehicle regulations.

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QLD: Lack of excavator maintenance costs worker's life

A waste recycling business failed to do routine maintenance on an excavator, resulting in a worker losing his life. The business is being fined \$200,000.

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QLD: Industrial manslaughter now an offence

The Queensland Parliament has introduced new industrial manslaughter provisions in the *Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill*, enabling manslaughter charges for workplace fatalities.

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SA: New action plan focuses on apprentices' safety

SafeWork SA's new industry action plan will focus on initiatives to protect apprentices working on South Australian construction sites.

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VIC: Raising awareness about structural collapse

WorkSafe Victoria has released a document detailing information about their current safety focus on structural collapse during construction work.

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VIC: How safe is your workplace?

Amid October's National Safe Work Month, WorkSafe Victoria established an online tool that allows workers and employers to assess workplace safety.

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WA: Crane operator fined over power line incident

A Perth crane operator has been fined \$15,000 after a worker suffered electrical burns when the machinery came too close to power lines.

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National news



Risk control measures for precast panels and mobile cranes

WorkSafe Victoria has produced a guide on the risks of using precast concrete panels and mobile cranes on construction sites.

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Failing to maintain plant can be fatal

The death of two workers as a result of lack of simple plant repairs has highlighted the need for up-to-date maintenance.

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Check these out: cranes, hoists and winches

Are your cranes, hoists or winches due for a major inspection? If yes, here's what you need to know.

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Are you following the (fer)rules?

WorkSafe Victoria has released an article on precast ferrules and the importance of correct installation to prevent structural collapse, that everyone should read.

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Managing contractor safety

SafeWork Australia's Consulting Principal, Amy Towers, says many business-owners are oblivious to the duties they owe their contractors.

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International news

Another hazard bites the dust (NZ)

Thanks to a WorkSafe NZ initiative, nine precast concrete companies in Manaku are now better-equipped to protect their staff from potential airborne hazards at work.

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Confined spaces are no joke—don't cut corners (US)

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), confined space work is one of the leading causes for workplace fatalities in the US. OSHA has released a final rule that affects the training requirements for employees working in confined spaces in construction.

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Worker dies after being struck in the neck by a concrete saw (US)

The landscaping construction worker was in the process of removing an in-ground pool when he lost control of the concrete saw that cut his throat.

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