



Health and Safety Snapshot

Fall from heights - Construction

A few facts on the construction industry

Residential Construction

36 serious injuries (69%)
119 non-compliances (61%)

Commercial Construction

15 serious injuries (29%)
73 non-compliances (37%)

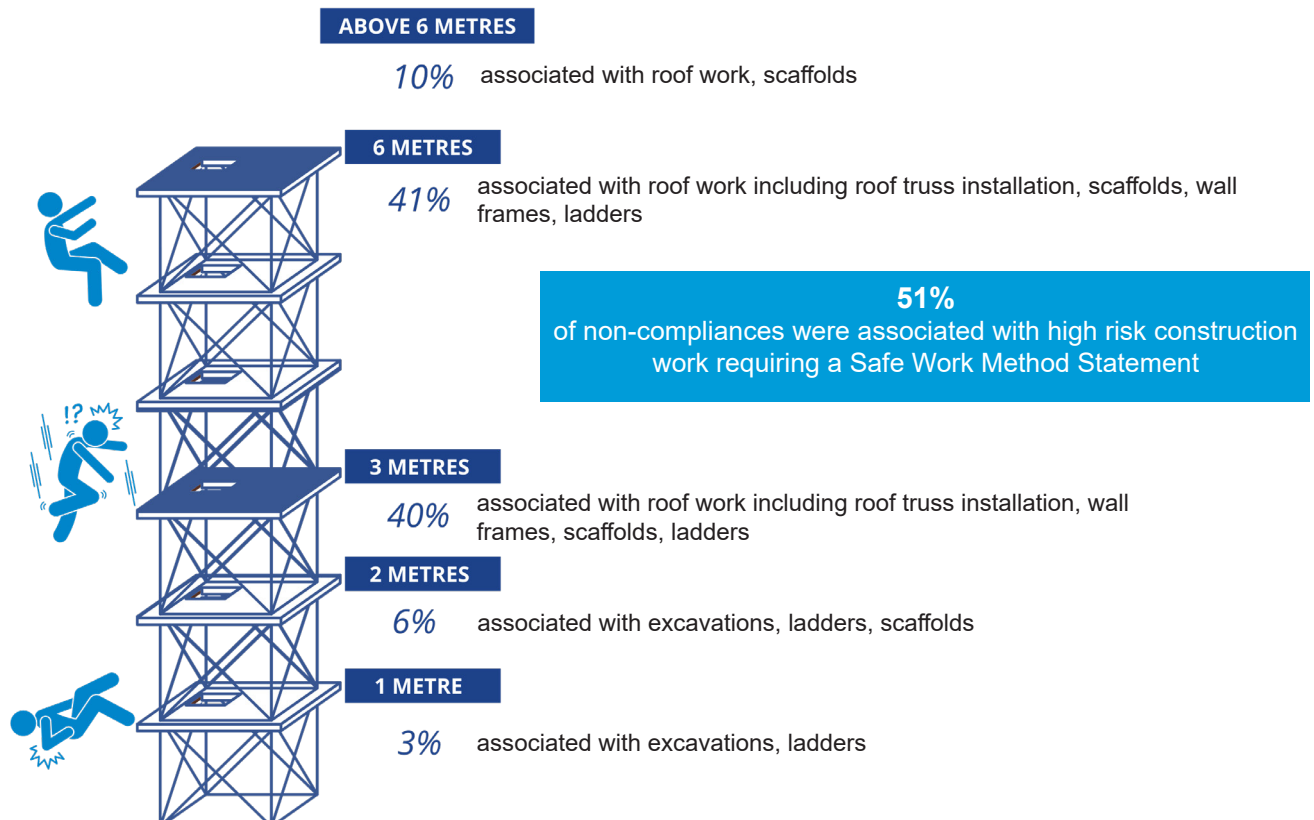
Civil Construction

1 serious injury (2%)
4 non-compliances (1%)

In 2020:

- there were 116 serious injuries reported to SafeWork SA, 45% of these were in the construction industry, the highest of all industries
- there were 196 non-compliances identified in the construction industry associated with working at heights
- workers in the residential construction sector sustained the most injuries and were at most risk of a fall from heights
- 90% of serious injuries occurred below 3 metres
- 66% of serious injuries below 2 metres were from a ladder
- 50% of serious injuries between 2 and 3 metres was associated with roof work including roof truss installation
- in 2019-20 the construction industry accounted for 866 ReturnToWork claims, the highest of any industry and a 34% increase on the previous financial year
- in 2019-20 ReturnToWorkSA claims cost the construction industry over \$4 million, the highest of any industry.

Risk of fall requiring compliance action



Injury and risk

Top 5 occupations - injury + risk of injury



Carpenter

52 16 serious injuries
36 non-compliance



Roofer

46 10 serious injuries
36 non-compliance



Solar panel installer

24 2 serious injuries
22 non-compliance



Electrician

18 10 serious injuries
8 non-compliance



Steel fixer

11 1 serious injury
10 non-compliance

50%

of serious injuries to carpenters and roofers were apprentices

Injury claims

In 2019-20 carpenters and electricians had the highest number of ReturnToWorkSA claims for injuries associated with a fall from heights.



Carpenter

149 Injury claims
24% increase on 2018-2019
108% increase on 2017-2018



Electrician

85 Injury claims
41% increase on 2018-2019

Injuries

