

July 2016 Compliance Activity Report



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SafeWork SA

Accommodation and food services

This report covers people working in the state's hotels, restaurants, pubs and clubs, accommodation, takeaways and catering sector.

SafeWork SA inspectors are focussed on ensuring work health and safety and public safety standards are met with appropriate action taken as breaches of laws are detected.

Electrical safety was a noticeable concern across the accommodation and food services industry during July with people advised to ensure all electrical items are protected by a residual current device and safe to use.

Concern about the safety of kitchen staff has also peaked with a number of people receiving burns while moving cooking trays or hot foods/liquids.

Employers must identify the hazards in their commercial kitchens and take the necessary steps to protect their workers from harm. This includes making sure everyone's suitably trained and supervised as well as physically able to perform required tasks.

An emerging trend across the sector is the risk of psychosocial harm caused by interpersonal issues between people. Workplaces need to consider the risks that may cause stress for people, such as:

- inadequate support or supervision
- role conflict/ambiguity
- poorly managed change
- work overload.

Report work health and safety issues to SafeWork SA on 1300 365 255 or help.safework@sa.gov.au.

