

November 2016 Compliance Activity Report



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SafeWork SA

Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry

This report captures workers engaged in growing crops, raising animals and growing and harvesting timber, as well as those harvesting fish and other animals from farms or their natural habitats.

SafeWork SA inspectors ensure work health and safety and public safety standards are met and take appropriate action when breaches are detected.

During November, a motor vehicle accident involving a work vehicle travelling between work sites resulted in four fatalities. This incident is under investigation.

A tuna diver received a finger-tip amputation while hooking weights to cages. Persons conducting a business or undertaking (PCBUs) need to consider risks associated with entrapment hazards of tasks.

An incident involving a worker with a pre-existing medical condition should act as a reminder to PCBUs that tasks, which could potentially be affected or limited by the

physical or mental health of staff, need to have these factored into the working routine to avoid people being placed at risk of injury.

Another incident resulted in a worker contracting Q-Fever. PCBUs need to ensure workers are protected from occupational zoonoses which can be contracted from handling or contact with animals, animal hides, skins, wool or hair, animal carcasses or animal waste products.

While inspectors attended sites for dangerous incidents, five improvement notices were issued.

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

