

August 2016 Compliance Activity Report



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SafeWork SA

Construction

This report covers incidents encountered in the state's residential and commercial sector as well as civil and engineering projects. It captures blasting, test drilling, earthmoving, excavating and land drainage workers.

SafeWork SA inspectors ensure work health and safety and public safety standards are met and that appropriate action is taken when breaches of state laws are detected.

During August an apprentice carpenter was fatally injured constructing wall frames and while SafeWork SA is investigating this matter, we remind all Principal Contractors and Persons Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU), that you have a duty and responsibility so far as is reasonably practicable, to ensure the health and safety of workers and other people. This includes, but not limited to ensuring:

- compliance with work health and safety laws
- safe systems of work
- safe use of plant, structures and substances
- adequate facilities for the welfare of workers

- notification and recording of workplace incidents
- adequate information, training, instruction and supervision
- effective systems for monitoring the health of workers and workplace conditions
- a safe work environment.

As a PCBU you must also consult, cooperate and coordinate with other PCBUs where you share duties as you all have a primary duty of care to ensure workers and others are not exposed to a risk to their health and safety.

You owe this duty of care when, as a PCBU, you:

- direct or influence work carried out by a worker
- engage or cause to engage a worker to carry out work (including through sub-contracting) have management or control of a workplace.

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

