

December 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 take appropriate action when breaches are detected.

Inspectors identified a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) rushing, trying to take shortcuts and not planning their days, in the lead-up to the Christmas period. Discussions were held about strategies for meeting deadlines without taking safety risks.

SafeWork SA worked with labour hire companies about their understanding of their roles and responsibilities under the legislation and to ensure they had WHS systems in place.

Throughout the month working at heights was a key complaint, with some PCBUs not having the appropriate control measures in place for workers.

There were complaints regarding neighbours not being notified of asbestos removal work being conducted and days of removal changing due to the heat. SafeWork SA reminded the licence holders of their responsibilities under the licence conditions.

A key focus for the construction industry for the next three months is working in the heat and ensuring PCBUs have a system and appropriate control measures in place for their workers.

For more information, or to report work health and safety issues to SafeWork SA call 1300 365 255 or email help.safework@sa.gov.au.

