

July 2016 Compliance Activity Report



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SafeWork SA

Health care and social assistance

This report covers workers in the state's health care sector including public and private hospitals, residential aged care, day procedure centres, GPs, allied health services, child care centres, disability and community services.

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

During July our inspectors working across healthcare and social assistance workplaces were concerned about the number of electric shock incidents staff received, particularly in hospitals and aged care facilities.

It is important that electrical items are protected by a residual current device as well as regularly tested and

inspected. Testing by a qualified person ensures all electrical equipment, including light switches and on/off switches are in good and safe working order.

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.

