

November 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.

Four dangerous incidents were reported during November relating to people receiving electric shocks.

It is important that workplaces ensure electrical items are tested and inspected regularly and protected by a residual current device.

One incident was due to a needle stick injury. Employers are reminded to ensure that, where there is the risk of dealing with discarded needles, there are suitable disposal units available and persons are advised to use them.

Another incident related to a person falling from a ladder. If people need access to high positions, it is important that suitable equipment is identified for the task and the location, and that the ladder is in good working order.

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

