

# August 2016 Compliance Activity Report



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SafeWork SA

## Manufacturing

This report covers people working with machinery and plants, factories or mills to assemble products for sale.

SafeWork SA inspectors ensure work health and safety and public safety standards are met across manufacturing sites with appropriate action taken as breaches of these laws are detected.

In August our inspectors attended incidents related to:

- being trapped in or hit by machinery
- excessive use of manual tasks resulting in injury
- drug and alcohol policy not correctly implemented in consultation with staff
- electric shocks while using or checking equipment
- falling loads
- fire in machinery
- unsafe/ unlicensed operation of plant
- generally unsafe workplace conditions.

Incidents like these can be minimised by:

- ensuring that all machinery is properly guarded and operators trained
- undertaking job safety analysis in consultation with workers
- developing and implementing all policies and procedures in consultation with workers, drawing on competent advice
- ensuring electrical equipment is residual current device protected, checked regularly and correctly maintained
- loading or slinging work is performed by competent people
- all storage facilities are structurally sound and inspected regularly
- items of plant is correctly maintained and regularly inspected
- ensuring that only competent and trained people who hold the correct licence operate items of plant.

Report work health and safety issues to SafeWork SA on 1300 365 255 or [help.safework@sa.gov.au](mailto:help.safework@sa.gov.au).

