

# December 2016 Compliance Activity Report



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SafeWork SA

## Manufacturing

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

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

In December our inspectors attended numerous incidents, relating to:

- environmental weather conditions at workplaces
- failure to control a parked vehicle
- items/parts falling from plant
- uncontrolled plant
- injuries from power operated hand held tools
- stacked items falling from height
- being caught on machinery
- injuries from uncontrolled unloading of materials
- drug and alcohol use in the workplace

- uncontrolled materials release due to switch failure
- uncontrolled explosion in plant.

These issues can be prevented by:

- securing loose or insecure items at the workplace if inclement weather warnings are issued
- regularly inspecting and maintaining plant to ensure it is safe to use or operate, and remains fit for purpose
- ensuring workers are trained and competent to use equipment or operate plant and vehicles
- regularly inspecting slings and other load carrying equipment to ensure safe movement of loads
- maintaining stacked items and ensuring racking for safe and stable storage.

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).

