

August 2016 Compliance Activity Report



Government
of South Australia

SafeWork SA

Public administration and safety

This report covers people working in state and local government including:

- police, investigation and security services
- fire protection and emergency services
- correctional and detention services
- regulatory services.

SafeWork SA's inspectors ensure work health and safety and public safety standards are met with appropriate action taken as breaches of laws are detected.

During August half of the reported dangerous incidents related to persons receiving electric shocks when unplugging or using equipment.

To identify the risk of electrical shock ensure that a qualified person:

- regularly checks and tests workplace electrical items, light switches and on/off switches, and
- protect your electrical items with a residual current device.

Other reported incidents related to excavating without first checking underground services.

Damage to underground services is dangerous and can be fatal if you fail to properly identify them. For secure detection of these services:

- use a service location provider, and
- a trained and experienced operator using an underground asset-locating device.

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

