

# November 2016 Compliance Activity Report



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

Seven of the incidents during November relate to people receiving electric shocks. Workplaces must ensure electrical items are tested and inspected regularly and protected by a residual current device. Another electrical risk relates to the use of light switches. These may not be easily identified as a potential risk, but it is still important

to ensure the light switch is in good condition and replaced if damaged.

Two incidents occurred due to people slipping off the steps of vehicles. Workplaces need to ensure that vehicle mounting steps are in good condition and free from debris. Workers are to ensure that they use the steps correctly, ensuring three-point contact at all times.

Another incident relates to a person accidentally setting alight their clothing with a welding rod. Workplaces must ensure there are suitable systems and training in place, with appropriate tools and personal protective equipment. Supervisors need to ensure that inattentiveness or complacency does not cause a risk to health and safety.

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).

