

## CONSTRUCTION

# General Falls Code & Tilt-Up Code

The National Code of Practice for the Prevention of Falls in General Construction (the [General Falls Code](#))

The National Code of Practice for Precast, Tilt-up and Concrete Elements in Building Construction (the [Tilt-up Code](#))

On 1 February 2010, the Northern Territory Government adopted the National Codes of Practice under the NT *Workplace Health and Safety Act*.

The codes aim to facilitate the operation of a nationally consistent approach to legislation and guidance material, in order to prevent the risk of serious injury or death when working in and around construction sites.

The General Falls Code and the Tilt-up Code will support the NT Workplace Health and Safety Regulations. The obligations for fall prevention and the safe handling of precast, tilt-up and concrete elements have always been contained in the NT Workplace Health and Safety Regulations.

## The General Falls Code

The General Falls Code encourages a nationally consistent approach to the implementation of occupational health and safety in the construction industry.

It provides you with practical guidance on how to meet your obligations under the National Standard.

The General Falls Code aims to provide you with:

- Practical advice on adopting a risk management approach to fall prevention from heights and examples of physical fall prevention measures; and
- Guidance on risk assessment processes and the preparation of Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS).

Although the Code can be applied to the cottage construction industry, it is not specifically tailored to this type of construction. NT WorkSafe recommends the information bulletin [03.02.05](#) – Prevention of falls in residential construction be used as a guide for the prevention of falls in housing construction in the first instance.

## The Tilt-Up Code

The objective of the Tilt-up Code is to provide practical guidance to employers and workers on the safe handling of concrete elements in the construction industry.

The practical advice within the Tilt-up Code can assist in minimising risks and hazards relating to concrete elements in the construction industry.

In turn, this advice can assist employers and workers meet the requirements of the National Standard for Construction Work [[NOHSC: 1016 \(2005\)](#)] in the area of concrete elements.

**The Tilt-Up Code covers:**

- Duty holder responsibilities;
- Safe design;
- Handling, storage, transportation;
- On-site prefabrication;
- Erection; and
- Demolition.

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