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## Mango Industry Safety – Working at Heights

### Purpose

To remind the Mango Industry, employers and workers of the dangers of working at heights especially using Elevated Work Platforms (Cherry Pickers).

Mango businesses are reminded to ensure that workers use safety harnesses while working in cherry pickers, and that safety belts are to be replaced with safety harnesses as detailed in Australian Standard AS/NZS 1891.1 - 1995.



### Recommendations

All owners and users of EWP/Cherry Pickers are to carry out inspections on all EWP/Cherry Pickers to ensure that safety harnesses are present, serviceable and worn prior to carrying out any work.

Ensure workers are given adequate instruction and training in wearing the safety harness.

When working from the Cherry Pickers ensure workers do not open side entrance gates to the work – box, ensure all safety guards or bars are in place and any securing mechanisms are serviceable. All Cherry Pickers should be inspected to ensure they are properly maintained.

### Legislative requirements

*Work Health Act*, section 29(1):

*“An employer shall, so far as is practicable –*

- (a) provide and maintain a working environment at a workplace that is safe and without risk to the health or safety of the workers working at the workplace; and*
- (b) ensure that the health and safety of any other person is not adversely affected as a result of the work in which the employer or any worker is engaged.”*

### Further information

Safety harnesses can be purchased or hired from a range of outlets.

Additional information on this issue or other safety matters is available at NT WorkSafe:

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