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Health and safety alerts

The following is the latest health and safety alert for the construction industry.

SA200904

[Collapse of precast concrete elements stored in fabricated racking](#)

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Information bulletins

The following are the latest Information Bulletins available for the construction industry.

03.02 Residential

[03.02.01 National Standard for Construction Work – general obligations](#)

[03.02.02 Site supervision – practical guidance](#)

[03.02.03 Risk management terminology and requirements](#)

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Safe Work Australia

Safe Work Australia and the Safe Work Australia Council have been established as a replacement to the Australian Safety and Compensation Council (ASCC).

The fifteen member council was formed on Tuesday 31 March and comprises of an independent Chair, representatives from each State, Territory and the Australian Government. The council also includes two members who represent the interests of workers, two members who represent employers and a chief executive. Mr Tom Phillips was appointed Chair of the council on Wednesday 27 May 2009. Laurene Hull, Executive Director of NT WorkSafe represents the Northern Territory on the council.

Safe Work Australia has been established as an executive agency to support the council and is an independent body. Further information on Safe Work Australia and the key functions of the council can be found on the Safe Work Australia site.

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National Standards and Codes of Practice

A function of Safe Work Australia and previously the Australian Safety and Compensation Council is to develop national standards and codes of practice relating to occupational health and safety.

The standards and codes of practice are produced as a model for laws in the States and Territories, with the aim of achieving nationally consistent regulations. These standards and codes of practice are not legally enforceable until the States or Territories formally adopt them as regulations or as a code of practice under the main occupational health and safety regulation.

The National Standard for Construction Work was created in April 2005 and the following three codes of practice have been developed in support for the standards for the construction industry.

[Code of Practice for Induction for Construction Work](#)

[Code of Practice for Precast Tilt-Up and Concrete Elements in Building Construction](#)

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

The Northern Territory Government is currently considering the adoption of these three codes.

The codes of practice are useful guidance materials in assisting employers meet their occupational health and safety requirements and are available on the Safe Work Australia site. For further information on the codes see the following Information Bulletins:

03.02.01 National Standard for Construction Work – general obligations

03.02.06 National Standard for Construction Work – definitions

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Approved Health and Safety Representative (HSR) Training Providers

The following two Registered Training Organisations are now approved to provide HSR training to elected HSR's in the Northern Territory.

- Chamber of Commerce NT
- Electro Jobs Training P/L

HSR's are able to be included on the NT WorkSafe email list in order to receive updates on legislation and other information relevant to their role as a HSR and if they wish they can also join the HSR network to share their experiences.

For further information, please contact the HSR Advisor at NT WorkSafe on 1800 019 115 or at ntworksafe@nt.gov.au

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Professional development for NT WorkSafe Officers

NT WorkSafe Officers have recently undertaken professional development in applying occupational health and safety legislation in the construction industry. The professional development was conducted by construction industry experts from Queensland.

This training will assist in ensuring consistent application of regulation under the national standard for construction.

NT WorkSafe will continue to provide professional development for all its officers, to enable them to assist the construction industry to improve safety outcomes.

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Statistical data

A range of statistical data has been collated by Safe Work Australia and NT WorkSafe in order to identify poor performing industries and high risk activities to assist in developing targeted industry programs.

Data is also collected and reviewed by NT WorkSafe to improve programs that facilitate Territory workers being covered by equitable and practical workers compensation scheme allowing them to return to suitable work as soon as possible.

To access the data, follow the [Statistics](#) link on the NT WorkSafe website.

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