Editorial

In this editorial Barry Dunn, Construction Advisor in WorkSafe’s Construction Program, talks about traffic management requirements when setting up and operating construction plant on roadways adjacent to construction sites.

With the increasing number of inner urban construction projects, there is not often room to setup construction plant, such as concrete pumps and mobile cranes within site boundaries. Therefore, such plant is often set up and operated on or immediately adjacent to live public roads.

While authorities such as VicRoads and local councils have specific minimum traffic management requirements for these circumstances, builders and contractors should be aware that compliance with such requirements does not necessarily meet broader duties that are imposed by the OHS Act 2004.

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Safety Alert - Temporary Site Structures
WorkSafe has issued a Safety Alert warning of the danger to workers and the public from poorly designed, constructed or maintained temporary structures on construction sites.

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Safety Alert - Panel Axis is Critical for Single Crane Rotation
WorkSafe has issued a Safety Alert highlighting the dangers associated with ‘side-loading’ boom assemblies during single crane operations involving precast concrete panel rotation.

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Safe-work videos for common construction tasks
The Master Builders, in conjunction with CodeSafe and with funding from WorkSafe Victoria, have produced a series of 10 videos and associated SWMS covering common hazardous construction tasks. The videos include operating mobile plant and trenching, using nail guns and preventing structural collapse.

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Tradie injured in scaffolding fall at Ocean Grove
A tradesman has suffered suspected spinal injuries after falling from scaffolding at Ocean Grove. Paramedics were called to a property after reports the man, aged in his 30s, fell about two metres.

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Prosecution results summaries
WorkSafe Victoria has updated the prosecution summaries webpage. These summaries include the prosecution of a demolition contractor as a result of an employee falling through plasterboard and approximately six metres into a stairwell below. See link for more information.

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Current OHS prosecutions
WorkSafe Victoria has updated the list of current prosecutions. See link for more information.

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Western Australia

Safety Alert - Vehicles and mobile plant causing deaths at workplaces
WorkSafe WA has issued a Safety Alert to raise awareness of the hazards associated with operating vehicles and mobile plant at workplaces and the means of reducing the risk.

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Warning on vehicle movement after multiple incidents
WorkSafe WA has issued a media release as a reminder to ensure safe systems of work are in place in workplaces where vehicles and pedestrians are present. The reminder has been prompted by a number of recent incidents involving people being injured or killed by vehicles or parts of vehicles such as ramps.

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Worker dies after truck rolls at WA mine
The death of a man at Cornishman Pit gold mine, about 400 kilometres east of Perth, will be investigated by the Western Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum. The contractor was driving a truck when it rolled and fatally injured him.

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Railway safety rules not enforced
An investigation of the death of a maintenance worker hit by a train has found Public Transport Authority safety instructions had been inadequate and guidelines for working near train tracks were not
**Northern Territory**

**EWP accident at LNG construction project**
A worker has been injured in an EWP accident at the Ichthys onshore LNG project near Darwin. The worker was pinned between the EWP and a second surface.

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**Tasmania**

**Explosive device reported missing at Savage River mine**
An explosive device has been reported missing by managers of the Savage River iron ore mine in Tasmania's north-west. Police were alerted by mine safety officers from WorkSafe Tasmania who are helping to locate the 400-gram cast booster.

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**Queensland**

**Investigation underway into falling metal panels**
An investigation is under way into how two metal shade panels fell 10 floors from a completed building, narrowly missing workers below.

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**Roadwork crews behind asbestos playground dump**
Workers from a nearby intersection upgrade were responsible for leaving a pile of asbestos-tainted rubbish at Picnic Point Park.

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**New South Wales**

**Father of two killed on Father’s Day when struck by mining machinery**
A 28-year-old mining technician was fatally injured when he was
struck by a piece of machinery at a mine near Orange on Father’s Day.

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**Worker dies after being pinned behind cement truck**

A man has died after being pinned behind a cement truck in NSW’s Central Tablelands. It is believed the man got out of his cement truck and walked behind it when the truck rolled back and pinned him against a wall.

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**South Australia**

**High risk work: licence holders can now renew online**

With the first phase of high risk work licence renewals starting on 1 September 2015, SafeWork SA is encouraging workers to renew their licences online. Workers can now visit [safework.sa.gov.au/mylicenceupdates](safework.sa.gov.au/mylicenceupdates) to update their contact details and renew their licence.

Read more

**Get involved during SafeWork SA’s National Safe Work Month**

SafeWork SA has announced that the National Safe Work Month program for South Australia is now available online. National Safe Work Month, running throughout October, focuses on promoting a range of work health and safety issues in the workplace, and how to address them.

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**National**

**Revised Australian Standard for Precast Concrete**

AS3850 - 2015 has just been released. The standard has been split into two parts, with extensive changes to testing requirements, safety factors, designer duties, shop drawings requirements and more.

- **Part 1 - General Requirements**
- **Part 2 - Building Construction**

**Is your workplace ready for summer?**

Did you know every year in Australia, 200 melanomas and 34,000 other skin cancer diagnoses can be attributed to UV exposure in the workplace? Workplace sun-related injuries and disease have cost Australian workplaces $63 million in compensation payments over the last decade.

Outdoor workers receive up to 10 times more exposure to the sun’s ultraviolet (UV) radiation, placing them at significantly higher risk of skin damage and skin cancer.

Cancer Council Victoria’s SunSmart program offers workplace
training sessions to help educate organisations and their workers about the harmful effects of UV radiation.

All sessions are delivered by trained educators and include an overview of skin cancer and UV-related injuries, practical solutions to reduce UV risk in the workplace, a guide to skin checks, and the optional inclusion of a skin scanner that reveals hidden UV damage.

To book, or for more information, contact SunSmart on (03) 9514 6419 or sunsmartworkplace@cancervic.org.au, or visit sunsmart.com.au/work

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**World**

**Crane topples killing at least 107**
A pin-jib crawler crane has toppled into the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, killing at least 107 people and injuring over 200 more. High winds have been blamed for the collapse.

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**Video: Steam explosion blasts worker from manhole**
A California County has released video footage of a steam explosion that a worker was lucky to walk away from.

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**New Zealand contractor injured in explosion**
A contractor has been injured in a flash fire at a Hamilton mental illness centre. The man reportedly suffered serious burns when an explosion occurred as he was laying vinyl with a second contractor.

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