Editorial

Registration of No Go Zone spotters

This week, Steve Darnley from WorkSafe’s Construction Practices Unit discusses the registration requirements for No Go Zone spotters.

Recently, a number of unregistered people have been discovered acting or proposing to act as No Go Zone spotters for earthmoving equipment working near overhead power lines.

All No Go Zone spotters need to be registered with EnergySafe Victoria (ESV) and hold an ESV spotter’s registration card before they undertake spotting duties. Spotters are only allowed to spot for the type of powered mobile plant listed on their ESV registration card.

However, if the person has completed the required training, has the relevant first aid and plant operation qualifications necessary for ESV registration (listed below), and has applied for registration, they can undertake spotting prior to being issued a registration card.

If spotting prior to receiving an ESV registration card, there needs to be proof readily available of training and relevant qualifications, plus an application in process for ESV registration.

ESV registration is valid for three years, and to retain their registration, the spotter needs to undertake a “Spotters Refresher” training course.

To be eligible for spotter registration with ESV, a person needs to:

- successfully complete the training course “Workplace spotting for service assets” at a Registered Training Organisation (RTO); and
- Hold and maintain First Aid Level 2 (with current CPR).

They also need to have one or more of the following qualifications:

- mobile plant operator’s qualification (e.g. high risk work
Applications for spotter registration are made on behalf of the trainee by the RTO which delivered the spotting training. The RTO can only apply for registration if the trainee also has the required first aid and plant operation qualifications listed above.

Find out more about No Go Zones

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**Victoria**

**New Handbook - Lift work on construction projects**
WorkSafe has published a handbook that provides advice to lift contractors, builders, workers, health and safety representatives, and anyone who has a role in health and safety when it comes to controlling the risks associated with the installation or refurbishment of lifts (lift work) on construction projects.

[Read Handbook](#)

**Worker fell into orchestra pit**
A construction worker was taken to hospital after falling into the orchestra pit at the Ulumbarra Theatre site during refurbishment works at Bendigo. WorkSafe Victoria is investigating.

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**Prosecution summaries updated**
WorkSafe's prosecution summaries have been updated, and include the following construction prosecutions:

- A truss company where workers were observed riding the crane hook, plus a crane high risk licence holder involved in the incident.
- A roof company over two incidents including workers being ejected from a boom lift and unsafe work at heights.
- A plumbing company after a person fell into an open, unprotected inspection pit.

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**Upcoming OHS prosecutions**
WorkSafe has updated the prosecution list of cases due in court for the fortnight commencing 27 April 2015.

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Safety Alert - Risks of drowning around drainage pipes
WorkCover NSW has issued a Safety Alert after a worker drowned. The alert warns people about the risks of becoming trapped and drowning at drainage or pipe inlets.

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Two killed unloading shipping container
Two NSW workers have died and another was injured after the refrigeration panels they were unloading from a container fell on them. While this incident did not happen at a construction workplace, it is a reminder of the danger of manually unloading construction materials from containers.

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Western Australia

Workmate saves man’s life
A worker is lucky to be alive after being thrown from an out-of-control asphalt paver into an irrigation channel at Burekup.

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Incident Report - Haul truck collides with light vehicle in controlled area
The WA Department of Mines and Petroleum has issued a significant incident report after a haul truck collided with a light vehicle at a mine site.

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Queensland

Company fined $110,000
A construction company has been fined $110,000 after an employee was struck by a falling metal bridge while working on the Brisbane Airport Link.

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South Australia

Shed manufacturer fined for roof fall
A company has been convicted and fined $10,000 plus court costs after a worker sustained injuries to his back when he fell through a roof.

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Northern Territory

Safety Alert - Electrocution risk for DIY repairs
NT WorkSafe has issued a safety alert reminding residents carrying out repairs or maintenance in their homes not to undertake electrical work unless they are appropriately licensed.

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NZ

Worker killed in quarry
A 24-year-old worker has died after becoming trapped underneath a 45-tonne rock cutter at a Tauranga quarry. WorkSafe NZ is investigating the incident.

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United Kingdom

Developers jailed after building collapsed
Two property developers were each jailed for 12 months after a three-storey building collapsed trapping three people in the rubble.

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