



Joint Industry Safety Alert

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Work Practices amongst Panel Props

MBAV OHS Unit and CFMEU (C&G) Environmental and OHS Unit are jointly concerned about work practices utilising Elevating Working Platforms (EWPs) near precast and tilt up panels which are temporarily propped.

Incidents have occurred in our industry that have caused injury to workers and property damage and we must make all workers and employers involved in these processes aware of the problem.

The problem arises from the use of EWPs amongst the props to carry out the range of tasks required prior to their removal.

Props are being damaged while in position and potentially causing panels to be pulled over or dislodge enough to expose workers to injury.

MBAV OHS Unit and CFMEU E&OHS Unit strongly recommend assessment of these practices with the intention of minimising the risk of any damage or injury.

When selecting the most appropriate method of gaining access to those necessary tasks consider the potential of contact with the props and the consequences of that contact.

Together with all relevant people, including all workers safety representatives and relevant supervision staff, consider all options for access and select the most appropriate for the task, the duration and all of the risks that workers (and the props) may be exposed to.

Both the MBAV and the CFMEU are committed to the safety of all workers in our industry and will continue to work together to achieve the most practicable safety solutions.

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