

EVENT AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY UPDATE FROM WHSQ 2019

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THUMBS UP TO THE INDUSTRY

Your industry has incredible network and I was pleased to hear how quickly people from all over the world responded to one of their own who was injured.

(I would like to share any good news or success stories you have so please feel free to forward them to me.)



Sole plate in good condition 1

ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY INFORMATION FROM WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY QUEENSLAND

WHSQ has been asked to share information with the stakeholders in the industry to keep them up to date regarding regulatory issues and actions. General information to provide advice will be shared although no businesses or workers will be identified.

Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Policy (CMEP)

Please be aware that Workplace Health and Safety Queensland's CMEP provides a number of actions to be taken by the regulator when noncompliance is identified.

The policy includes a number of priority enforcement areas. A full copy of the policy can be found at the link below. An inspector will have additional focus on these areas, and if an inspector identifies a contravention of a provision determined by the regulator to be a priority, the policy dictates that the inspector must issue an infringement notice. In your industry these include: falls from heights, falling objects, work method statements, failure to check whether a worker has high risk work license. These fines range from \$144-720 for an individual and \$2160-3600 for companies. There can be multiple infringements. A full list can be found at the link below.

<https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/compliance-and-enforcement/compliance-monitoring-and-enforcement-policy>

Life Is Short, Don't Rush It

RECENT INCIDENTS

1. An incident recently occurred where a worker sustained injuries from a heavy falling object. The worker sustained lacerations and bruising but the outcome could potentially have been much worse.
2. An incident was attended by WHSQ where a worker fell from a stage during bump in and sustained a fracture.
3. During the bump out of an event a worker sustained a head injury from a falling tent pole when no SWP were in place untrained labour was used.



Sole plate in unacceptable condition 1

Recent site visits have identified a number of scaffolding issues with stages that are not compliant such as:

- Sole boards
- Handrail Heights need to be a minimum of 900mm with a midrail 400-600mm
- Structural drawing should be available on site for the Form 16 sign off
- Swivel jacks need to be used on sloping ground or the sole boards dug in.

SOLE BOARDS

- Sole boards on some green sites have been unsuitable for the site and in rotten condition.
- AS1576-2010 clause 2.9 “Where sole boards are used, they shall be designed to have sufficient strength and rigidity to distribute the load to the supporting structure.”

AS4576-1995 (currently under review) gives some more guidance (page 28) but is also outdated as it does not reflect current building practice.

It may provide some guidance if specific designs have not been done.

- *Soleplates should be at least equivalent in size and strength to scaffold planks*
- *Long enough to support 2 standards (no longer typical in the industry)*
- *500x220 typical for soft asphalt and gravel*

NON DISTURBANCE WITH SCENE

39 Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Duty to preserve incident sites

- (1)The person with management or control of a workplace at which a notifiable incident has occurred must ensure so far as is reasonably practicable, that the site where the incident occurred is not disturbed until an inspector arrives at the site or any earlier time that an inspector directs.
- Maximum penalty—100 penalty units

Please be aware that this applies to the venue, the crews, the touring company and all others on site.

[HTTPS://WWW.WORKSAFE.QLD.GOV.AU/INJURY-PREVENTION-SAFETY/INCIDENTS-AND-NOTIFICATIONS/WHAT-IS-AN-INCIDENT](https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/injury-prevention-safety/incidents-and-notifications/what-is-an-incident)

SITE VISITS TO CONCERTS AND FESTIVALS

WHSQ Inspectors will be attending as many sites as we can over the next twelve months to ensure both large and local events to address compliance. Thanks to all those promoters, venues and crews who have provided assistance in facilitating these visits