

CFMEU SAFETY GUIDANCE

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

HEAVY CONCRETE BLOCKS

The use of heavy concrete blocks on construction projects poses significant manual handling risks to workers required to handle these products.

Legislation requires that risks associated with manual handling must be identified, assessed, and controlled.

Designers of buildings are required to design a building so as to not expose persons building, maintaining or servicing the building to hazards. Concrete blocks with a weight greater than 20kg are a significant manual handling risk and **MUST NOT** be used.

Where possible concrete blocks with a weight less than 14kg should be designed and used on construction projects.

At the design stage blocks which reduce the risks of manual handling injuries i.e., lighter blocks must be sourced.

Mechanical lifting devices, work planning, job layout, delivery of materials and good housekeeping are controls which should be considered to further reduce manual handling risks when working with heavy concrete blocks.



If you require help establishing safe work methods when working with heavy concrete blocks, contact the CFMEU on 08 9228 6900 or contact your area organiser.

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