

# CFMEU SAFETY GUIDANCE

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## BITUMEN/SEALANTS GUIDANCE

Before commencing work an approved Safety Data Sheet (SDS) must be provided and all personnel must be advised of its recommendations.

### 1. General Safety Provisions

Before work commences the employer should carry out a hazard analysis review and update the Project Risk Assessment and develop an appropriate Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) and JHA / JSA.

All personnel must be appropriately trained.

### 2. Heating Vats

a) All vats to be equipped with tight fitting lids which incorporate the following features: -

i) Lids must have appropriately designed condensing coils to capture fumes emitted during the heating process.

This offers protection to those performing the application and other workers in the immediate vicinity.

ii) Lids must incorporate pressure release valves to alleviate pressure build up in the vat.

iii) The vats must be located in an outside area which provides for a high level of ventilation.

### 3. Protective Equipment

Any workers involved in performing bitumen/sealants application work must be provided with the following personal protective equipment (PPE) by the employer:

- Full length face shield
- Leather/heat resistance gauntlets (elbow length gloves)
- Leather aprons
- Coveralls (cotton or similar)
- Leather boots

In addition, the following should be provided:

- A shower to be located within 5 metres of workstations.
- Eye wash bottles to be provided within reaching distance of all workers involved in the preparation.



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