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Tilt-up Construction Work - Training

Preamble

Four construction workers have died in the last twelve months while precast concrete panels were being installed. Two young Irish back packers in Perth were crushed by concrete panels on a multi-story apartment project as the panels were being unloaded from a truck. Two construction workers died at Brisbane's Eagle Farm racecourse by a falling concrete panel. Both tragedies were totally preventable.

Training

The Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996 require workers to complete an approved training course before commencing tilt-up or precast concrete construction or manufacture. Workers who have not previously completed an approved training course must be deemed competent under **CPCCCM1016A Identify requirements for safe tilt-up work**. Even if you are only transporting the panels, you must hold a Tilt Up ticket.

Workers who have previously completed **CPCCCM1007A Carry out tilt-up work safely** or **CPCCCM2011A Carry out tilt up work safely** may continue to undertake tilt-up work without completing the current course.

Supervising tilt-up work

The WorkSafe Western Australia Commissioner has approved course **CPCCBC4022A Supervise tilt-up work** to satisfy the requirement that people who directly supervise tilt-up work at a construction site must have completed an approved course. Courses are available at the Construction Skills Training Centre (CSTC). Ph: 08 228 6900 <mailto:training@cstc.com.au>

Companies can and have been prosecuted for not ensuring that people working in tilt-up have completed the approved courses.

National code of practice

The **National Code of Practice for Precast, Tilt-up and Concrete Elements in Building Construction** has replaced the WA code to ensure consistency with other States. The National code incorporates the national construction standard and the national licensing standard, which have both been adopted in WA. The National code also provides practical advice about the safe design, manufacture, transport, crange, storage, erection and stabilisation of concrete panel walls and other precast concrete elements.



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