



NATIONAL OHS ALERT



TOWER CRANE SAFETY ALERT

Following the tragic deaths of a number of tower crane drivers across Australia, all the below points are strongly recommended to be implemented immediately, to assist in the improvement of standards and levels of health and safety for both doggers and tower crane drivers.

- Emergency plans and procedures specific for tower crane/s - for both medical and evacuation purposes; all plans to be tested annually (as per AS 3745);
- Emergency services to be notified of Crane Erection;
- Defibrillators, Bleed Kits and Blanket/soft mats (yoga) in all crane cabins for immediate first aid response/assistance;
- Members of Tower Crane crews encouraged to have/be trained in First Aid;
- Secondary driver/s in all tower crane crews;
- Personnel hoists on tower frames;
- Spill kits on crane decks for cleaning up any fuel or other spills to prevent slipping;
- Lighter weight trap doors;
- Gas/hydraulic struts on trap doors (where possible/appropriate);
- Non-slip surfaces on egress/access routes and equipment;
- Climbing helmets for all who climb the towers;
- Thorough hazard/risk assessment to be undertaken by employer, crane crews and OHS rep/s, to identify any fire hazards and the elimination of such hazards, in and around the tower crane base and any generators in the immediate and/or near vicinity of the base;
- Regular inspections to ensure safe access and egress to tower crane cabins; and
- Spotter/dogger to maintain vision (line of sight) of Crane operator whilst climbing and descending tower at all times.