



Catholic Safety Health & Welfare South Australia

HAZARD ALERT

WANGARRA LIFTER RS 1105

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OBJECTIVE:

To inform worksites of the risk of potential injury to clients and staff during the operation of mechanical lifters

BACKGROUND:

A recent incident occurred as a result of structural failure to a mechanical lifter. The lifter tilted suddenly to the side when in operation. An investigation of the incident indicated that a bolt had sheered off.

PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

- Conduct and document a risk assessment of all mechanical lifters
- Develop a Safe Operating Procedure for the safe use of each mechanical lifter
- Ensure that staff are trained in the safe use of mechanical lifters.
- Ensure that all mechanical lifters are included in preventative maintenance programs
- Maintain records of maintenance to all mechanical lifters

FUTHER INFORMATION:

- Contact your OHS Consultant at Catholic Safety Health & Welfare SA (8210 9342) if you require further information and/or assistance.