



Catholic Safety Health & Welfare South Australia

HAZARD ALERT

FRAGILE ROOFING

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OHSW Regulations 1995
Division 2.3.3 – Fragile Roofing Materials
Division 2.13 – Prevention of Falls

OBJECTIVE:

To ensure all sites are informed of the risk to safety associated with fragile roofing and are aware of preventative actions to reduce this risk.

BACKGROUND:

There have been several reported incidents and near miss occurrences of falls from height related to fragile roofing. These have occurred across all sectors.

PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

- Inspect the worksite to identify all areas of Fragile Roofing (Business Manager Task No. 72839)
 - Document outcome of inspection on Business Manager Task No. 72839
 - [Parishes note on bottom of POP Return for March 2010](#)
- Confirm Fragile Roofing is meshed:
 - Mesh is NOT required in the following circumstances:
 - If the roof pitch is >45°
 - If the worksite has documented evidence that the roofing material complies with AS1562.3
- Ensure all Fragile Roofing is identified with signage
- If uncertain regarding requirement contact your OHS Consultant at Catholic Safety Health & Welfare immediately
- Conduct a risk assessment on all work at height