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Workplace Health Improvement Practice

Glass Water Bottle / Container

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REFERENCE:

WHS Act 2012 CI 19

WHS Regulations 2012

Code of Practice – Managing the Work Environment and Facilities

CSH&WSA Document No. 14 – Hazard Management Procedure

OBJECTIVE:

To ensure all workers (including students) are not at risk of injury from broken glass.

BACKGROUND:

Over the last few weeks, hazard reports have been submitted where students have dropped glass water bottles, resulting in the glass shattering. Furthermore, the contents spilt resulted in slippery floors.

The glass bottles being referred to is similar to image shown to the right.



This type of glass bottle is readily available from the supermarkets and when dropped, breaks easily. They pose significant risks such as:

- Cuts/lacerations from broken glass
- Glass fragments could embed in eyes
- Slips from spilt liquid on the floor.

PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

- Glass bottles / containers be banned from being brought to school.
- Please ensure all staff/students are made aware of this.
- Encourage the use of shatter proof bottles such as stainless steel water bottle, BPA free plastic water bottles (as shown)



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