

HAZARD ALERT

STUDENT HATS

REFERENCE:

WHS Act 2012, sec 19.

WHS Regulations 2012

CSH&WSA Document No. 14 – Hazard Management Procedure

BACKGROUND:

There has been an incident recently at a Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) School where a student's hat, whilst being worn became entrapped in play equipment. This resulted in a rope burn and laceration to the child's throat.



CONTROLS:

Schools should:

- Inspect the current stock of hats in the school Uniform Shop/ Second Hand Shop
 - remove any cords present
- Inform parents of this hazard and the potential risk to safety
 - recommend parents inspect hats and remove cords
- Advise all workers and students of the potential risk associated with cords
- Prohibit the wearing of hats that do not meet the above safety recommendations
- Ensure play equipment is free from pinch, sharp edges and protrusions that may catch cords, drawstrings and toggles.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- ACCC Product Safety Australia [voluntary guidelines for children's clothing suppliers.](#)

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