

Safety Alert

SA 18-310 Site fencing/ security due to high winds

	<p>Audience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Transport Projects employees Transport Projects Contractors Project Managers 	<p>Background</p> <p>The risk of personal injury from high winds has been highlighted by a recent weather reports in which strong winds can impact the security and integrity of our worksites. Lessons learned include preparing for weather changes, assessing immediate risk when circumstances change and securing our worksites.</p> <p>Contact:</p> <p>Graham Jackson, Director Safety and Engineering Systems 9422 5450 Kylie Mills, Associate Director Safety Services 9200 0243</p>
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Background

High winds and other extreme weather events can create the potential for serious injury to workers and damage to infrastructure.

This risk has been highlighted to remind ourselves to check our projects worksite protection arrangements are compliant with supplier requirements which will assist with mitigating such events.

Further background: (SA 14-234 Access Gates and High Winds) this risk has been highlighted when strong winds caused a gate to swing and hit a contractor causing injury to his hand and knee. Injuries received included sutures and bruising.

This Safety Alert focuses on the risk of personal injury arising from the uncontrolled movement of access gates during high wind conditions.

Lesson learned

- Access gates in high winds can become fast moving high energy objects that can cause significant impact and/or crush injuries, especially to body extremities.
- Lock or secure gates to prevent uncontrolled movements.
- Review site for any unsecured items which may present a risk to safety during high wind events.

Actions Required

- Regularly review site for any unsecured items which may present a risk to safety during high wind events
- Ensure this Safety Alert is communicated to relevant workers on Transport Projects sites via toolbox talks
- Place this Safety Alert on site notice boards

Issued and authorised by the Director Safety and Engineering Systems

Signature 
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