

THE DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY INSTRUCTION.

“NOTIFIABLE DANGEROUS OCCURENCES”

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A **Notifiable Dangerous Occurrence** is any incident or event which arises from operations carried on at a workplace and which causes an immediate and significant risk to a person.

A person does not have to be injured. It is the risk which is important. The risk may arise if a person is or could have been in, on or near the incident or event.

The specific dangerous occurrences which must be reported are:-

- The collapse, overturning or failure of the load bearing of any scaffolding, lift, crane, hoist or mine-winding equipment.
- Damage to or malfunction of any other major plant.
- The unintended collapse or partial collapse of a building or structure.
- The unintended collapse of the floor, wall or ceiling of a building being used as a workplace.
- An uncontrolled explosion, fire or escape of gas, hazardous substance or steam.
- An electrical short circuit, malfunction or explosion.
- An unintended event involving a flood of water, rockburst, rock fall or collapse of ground.
- Any other unintended or uncontrolled incident or event arising from operations carried on at a workplace.

HOW DO YOU REPORT A DANGEROUS OCCURRENCE.

WORKING HOURS:

Report the occurrence to Dept Safety Officer or the Elected Health and Safety Representative as soon as practicable after it occurs, they will notify Workplace Services and the OH&S Unit.

AFTER HOURS:

Report the occurrence to Workplace Services as soon as practicable after the occurrence, Phone 1800 777 209. At the commencement of normal working hours, 8.00am, report the occurrence to the Dept Safety Officer or the Elected Health and Safety Representative.

REQUIREMENTS TO CHANGE THE WORKPLACE.

If an employee suffers an immediately notifiable work related injury or fatality, or a dangerous occurrence happens, the employer must get permission from a Workplace Services inspector before they:

- alter the site where the death or injury occurred.
- * reuse, repair or remove any plant or substance that caused or was connected to the death or injury.

Permission can be given over the telephone or when an inspector visits the workplace.

In the time before an inspector gives permission, an employer may take such steps as are necessary:

- to rescue an injured person.
- to retrieve any dead body.
- To protect the health and safety of any person who may be in the vicinity.
- To prevent undue damage to property.