

SAFETY ALERT

Title:

Unsecured Materials

Date:

August 2016

Details:

Strong winds can affect roof sheeting, site fencing, scaffolding planks, signage, unsecured framing, partially completed structures and other loose materials lying around a construction site.

Hoarding type materials for containment or privacy on scaffolding and fencing should be installed and tied down with UV rated ties so that materials won't dislodge during windy weather.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that Contractors, ensure construction site materials are secure and all items are tied down appropriately.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

Contractors to identify hazards in windy weather conditions, ensure appropriate quality of tie down materials and undertake a risk assessment to ensure all loose structures, plant or materials are controlled.

CONTROL METHODS:

Ensure adequate storage facilities are supplied and items which may be affected by wind are securely and appropriately tied down or restrained.

LESSONS:

Structures (e.g. scaffolding, fencing and framing) that may be, or have been, exposed to extreme wind conditions should be assessed by a competent person to ensure their integrity.

For further information contact Safework SA on their website <http://www.safework.sa.gov.au/>