

## Recent Safety News &amp; Alerts

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CASE (UK): School prosecuted - dangerous FIELD TRIP



An independent **UK school has been charged and prosecuted for its failure to adequately manage the risks of a mountain hiking trip** that was led by two unqualified and inexperienced staff members. The teachers lacked critical competencies; the students were ill-equipped; the weather worsened; the group became lost; one student fell and was injured and another was separated from the group. By its omissions, the school **placed its staff and students in serious danger**.

[CASE OUTLINE](#)

CASE (VIC): School convicted over fatal TREE BRANCH strike



Following the **fatal injury of a school grounds worker** who had been **cutting tree branches with a chainsaw**, a VIC independent school has been convicted and fined for failing to provide or maintain safe systems of work and for failing to provide information, instruction, training or supervision. Had these been in place, the groundsman need not have been killed.

[CASE OUTLINE](#)

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NEWS (SA): SafeWork SA PLAYGROUND safety campaign



**SafeWork SA** has started a **state-wide compliance campaign focusing on childcare centres and schools** to address the management of **playground safety risks** and the provision of safe play environments for children.

[MORE INFO](#)

NEWS: New RATesting guidance from SafeWork Australia



**SafeWork Australia** has published **new Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) guidance** to help employers determine whether a RAT program for their workers is a reasonably practicable COVID infection risk control measure.

[GUIDANCE](#)

NEWS (NSW): SafeWork campaign to REDUCE BURNS in hospitality



**SafeWork NSW** has launched a safety campaign to reduce burn incidents in hospitality kitchens. Although targeted at industry, the campaign is relevant for schools offering food tech and hospitality subjects. As part of the campaign, a new **safety talks series** resource is available to help **increase kitchen safety awareness** and **reduce the incidence of burn injuries in hospitality** from heat, hot surfaces, electricity and chemicals.

[SAFETY TALKS RESOURCE](#)

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