



# 2022 Safety in Construction Snapshot

## SafeWork NSW Construction Sector Initiatives






### Raising Awareness and Educational Resources



Delivered the inaugural Building and Construction Symposium


Supported by **7** Regional Roadshows  Over **500** construction businesses and industry representatives participated 

### Refreshed the Pocket Guide to Construction Safety



**288,001** social media views  Reached **128,498** people  Distributed over **20,000** physical copies 

### Amplified engagement with construction PCBUs and workers



**34** Construction Site Supervisor Workshops, with **1,120** attendees  **10** SafetyCasts released, with **1,812** downloads 

**44** industry presentations by SafeWork NSW inspectors 

### Engaged industry with new ways to education – 2 live webinars focusing on electrical safety in the construction industry


**358** registrations, **50** downloads of recorded version  Over **820** views on YouTube 

### Working at Heights Media Campaign

**1,532** radio spots covering metro, regional, and CALD audiences  Reached **1,870,000** people through media campaigns 


### SafeWork NSW Construction Inspectors proactive compliance visits targeted key harms in the construction sector:

#### Mobile and Tower Cranes

 **152** sites inspected  
High compliance, minimal notices issued

Improvement areas included: the age of the crane, contacting the Electric Network Operator, and signage attached to the crane.

#### Concrete Placing Equipment (CPE)

 **78** sites inspected  
**46** notices

Improvement areas included: safety traffic management, and structural verification for slab load capacity.

#### Scarf Safe

 **266** sites inspected  
**511** notices  
**\$110,400** in fines

Major improvement areas included: scaffold missing components, gaps in scaffolds, and scaffolds altered by unlicensed trades.

#### Mental Health

 **424** sites visited

Education visits and shifting attitudes: focussed on creating supportive environments, understanding duties for psychological safety, and resources to create mentally healthy workplaces.

#### Formwork

 **90** sites inspected  
**111** notices  
**\$14,400** in fines


Major improvement areas included: falls from heights, falling objects, and having accessible plans.

#### Rooftop Solar

 **76** sites inspected  
**143** notices  
**\$92,800** in fines

Major improvement areas included: lack of safety measures communicated between retailers and installers, higher order controls not prioritised, lack of fall protection, and high use of lower order controls.

#### Silica in Construction

 **453** sites visited

Education visits on non-tunnelling construction sites: provided guidance about managing the risks of exposure to silica dust, and control measures to protect worker health.

