

Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety Unit

OHS ALERT

NEVER WORK ALONE

Two tragic, preventable fatalities in Victoria have once again shocked our industry, leaving families, friends and workmates devastated and looking for explanation.

On October 26, 2016 while working on the ProBuild Melbourne Convention Centre expansion a 54 year old boilermaker was killed in a crushing incident while operating a knuckleboom.

On February 19, 2017 a 69 year old painter fell 3-4 meters on a VCON site in Balnarring (between Hastings and Flinders). He died in hospital two days later.

What do they have in common? Other than the tragic impact these fatalities have on the families, friends and colleagues, both were working alone when the incidents occurred.

If we can take something from these tragedies, it is that there should always be someone working with you to assist if something goes wrong.

Never work alone.

If any employer says you are able to work alone, say no. It is simply not a safe system of work.

Every worker has the right to a safe workplace and the right to go home at the end of the day.

If you're not sure: Stand Up, Speak Out, Come Home.

**Contact the CFMEU Safety Unit if you have any concerns:
03 9341 3444**



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