

DANGERS OF GATES... DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN ON YOUR SITE!

RECENT INCIDENTS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE VERY REAL DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF “OPERATING” ENTRY AND EXIT GATES ON CONSTRUCTION SITES AND CONSTRUCTION RELATED WORKPLACES.

A tragic fatality occurred only a few months back at a crane yard, when a large metal gate came off its running rail and fell directly onto a worker who was manually operating the gate. The worker was found unresponsive a short time later and tragically passed away.

And only last week, a large metal gate came off its running rail again (on a major Tier one site) and fell directly onto a worker who was manually operating the gate – the worker suffered a severe and badly broken leg and dislocated ankle, but it could easily have been far worse.

Gates such as these should be designed by an engineer and constructed to the design specifications, so they stay on their running/operating rails and stay upright at all times. Regular and updated maintenance and inspection regimes must be put into place and importantly, strictly adhered to and rigorously implemented – especially if the gate has been altered and/or adjusted in any way. The inspection results also need to be recorded, to ensure the gates are always safely secured and able to be operated safely.

Anything less is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

If in any doubt contact the CFMEU for further instructions and information.



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