Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety Unit



Formwork



Is there a formwork drawing available on site (ideally completed by design engineer) of the formwork system and its' set up?	
Before the pour has commenced, has the form work been inspected and signed off / certified by an experienced structural engineer for its structural integrity and compliance to the formwork drawing?	
Is fall protection in place for work over 2 metres?	
Have Safe Work Methods Statement's (SWMS's) been prepared for both Erection and Stripping procedures?	
Have SWMS's been prepared for lifting and securing column shutters?	
Has access been prevented to the area underneath the concrete pour?	
Is there suitable access and egress to the formwork areas?	
Is there emergency and alternate access and egress to the formwork deck being poured?	

It is important to note that all of the items listed above, are just a small example of some of the issues required to be addressed to ensure a health and safe work place. For more information, we recommend close scrutiny and adherence to all relevant documentation found under the umbrella of the OHS Act 2004 (Vic); including but not limited to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007 (Vic) and various WorkSafe Victorian approved Industry Standards and Australian Standards; standards acknowledged and recognized under the Victorian OHS legislative framework. Failure to address and comply with any of these issues may result in a breach of OHS legislation.

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