



Safety Alert

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MANUAL HANDLING

Statistics show that neck and back injuries make up more than 30% of all lost time injuries on construction sites.

WorkSafe WA have developed a new Code of Practice for manual handling and all employers should be encouraged to implement the Code in the workplace.

In addition we should also encourage employers to:

- Where possible use 20 kilo cement bags.
- Reduce the size of blocks to less than 20 kilos or use mechanical lifting devices on block 20 kilos or more.
- Reduce the size of gyprock and plasterboard sheets.
- Reduce the size of formwork sheets.

Report unsafe sites and safety procedures call 9221 1055 Text 0419 812 861