

Safety Regulators Have YOU In Their Cross Hairs

In this brief video (available on the Penoguard home page) you're going to discover the single most alarming operational health and safety trend facing all building and formwork companies in Australia today.

You're going to discover why your current ways of preventing injuries in the workplace are no longer acceptable – not for your workers, and not for government legislators.

But don't despair...

In a few minutes you'll be shown a quick and easy way to minimise many of the OHS dangers facing your company.

So, please be sure to watch all the way to the end because you're going to be shown a way to substantially cut back on the number of workplace injuries taking place on YOUR site.

But first...

Warnings From The Government Regulators To The Construction Industry...

WorkSafe's Executive Director, John Merritt also said that falls are among the biggest killers in Victorian workplaces and all employers need to ensure that the risk are minimised. He gave these comments after 2 workers of different sites fell to death from heights within 2 days.

Chris Webb who is the Director of WorkSafe's Construction and Utilities program, said the risk of falls from height are still not being adequately addressed by the construction industry – it is still common to find building sites WITHOUT fall protection.

The Single Most Alarming Trend Facing All Formwork and Building Company Owners:

During February and March last year, WorkSafe Victoria sent out inspectors to 185 Victorian building sites to assess the safety and fall preventions at the sites. The results were nothing short of SHOCKING. The inspectors issued 37 Prohibition Notices and 26 Improvement Notices. 88 fall prevention issues were rectified while the inspectors were present. What's worse is that on 13 occasions, they saw situations so dangerous that they had to order the work to stop immediately.

Why Your Current Methods for Preventing Workplace Injuries Will NOT Be Acceptable In The Future

What Is The Current Practice Commonly Used In The Industry To Prevent Workers From Falling Through a Hole?

There are generally 2 methods that are commonly used in the industry to protect workers from falling through a hole.

First is to use a larger piece of plywood to cover the hole. The plywood is simply nailed at four corners and sprayed on its top the word “DANGER!” to alert workers of the danger.

Second method is to build a guardrail, fence, or safety mesh around the hole.

But, neither using plywood nor using guardrail provides the level of safety that each worker at site deserves:

But, it’s going to change from now on...

Peno Guard – A Much Better Way To Safeguard Your Workers.

With this new and revolutionary safety device, you can easily protect your workers from falling through a hole at all times. This amazing device is called Peno Guard and it is designed specifically to safeguard workers from falling through a hole and dramatically increase the safety of the workers working around a hole.

How Peno Guard Can Safeguard YOUR Workers At All Times:

Peno Guard has four major unique features that provide a higher level of safety for workers over a hole:

First, it has two layers of collapsible steel mesh. The layers can be opened and closed freely. When closed, workers are protected from falling through the hole. And when opened, the hole is fully surrounded by the steel mesh barriers and braces, thus workers are fully prevented from walking through the hole.

Second feature is its ability to “self-square” – when you install it, you don’t need to square it or mark any line on the ground to position it. All you need to do is simply put it over the hole and pin it at 6 locations, it is as simple as that. It’s a no-brainer, and anyone can install it in 5 minutes. Then you’re fully protected from falling through the hole.

Third, the steel mesh barriers have an anti-corrosion surface with eye-catching yellow colour – a colour that is easily noticeable to alert workers of the danger. In addition, the word

“Danger” is clearly painted on one of the steel mesh barrier to ensure all workers understand and are aware of the danger.

Fourth, Peno Guard can be locked with a padlock when it’s closed or folded. This is to prevent any unauthorised person from opening the device, and hence provides an extra level of safety at workplace – you won’t believe how many people are curious enough to look down a hole and put themselves at unnecessary risk of danger.

On top of these four major features, there are two extra bonus features that come with Peno Guard. That is first, the device is deliberately designed to be easily handled and manoeuvred by one person. All it takes is one person to install it, operate it and remove it.

The other bonus feature is “one size suits all holes”. Peno Guard can fit to any holes up to 980mm square or round. You don’t need to get a different device for different sized holes.

There are many advantages with using Peno Guard against using a plywood sheet to cover a hole.

First, a plywood sheet could easily fly off if it’s kicked accidentally by a worker. In addition, when workers need to lower columns through the hole, the plywood will be removed and the workers will be exposed to the hole – at this point, there’s no barrier between the hole and the workers working around it – if you are unlucky, perhaps you’re distracted and forget there’s a hole, and take the wrong step, then you’re going to fall down to death or serious injury.

However, with Peno Guard, once it is installed, it stays in position and protects workers from falling through the hole **AT ALL TIMES**. When it is folded and a worker steps on it, he is not going to fall through. When it is opened, the hole is fully surrounded by the steel mesh barriers and braces at the sides which guard people from going through the hole. Therefore, when workers need to drop down concrete or columns, they are still safeguarded by the device.

Secondly, Peno Guard is noticeable much more easily than a plywood sheet. The yellow colour on the steel mesh will easily catch workers attention. The word “Danger” which can be easily seen through the steel mesh double ensure workers are adequately alerted of the danger.

Peno Guard is convenient to install and provides adequate level of safety against falls through holes AT ALL TIMES.

As you would know, it’s always a 2-step process to use a plywood sheet or other types of barriers to cover a hole. Because there’s no way you can remove the plywood and still be guarded around the hole – As soon as the plywood is removed, you’re exposed to the hole and risk falling through it.

Although some building companies have tried to develop a system to minimise the time of exposure of the hole, it does not eliminate the exposure and accident could happen – and it did. A 48-year-old worker fell to death through a hole at the taxation office building site in

Civic about 3 years ago. According to witnesses, the hole was covered half an hour before the accident happened.

But with Peno Guard, it will never be removed until the hole is permanently covered. Once the device is installed, it stays in position and safeguards workers even at times when they need to drop down something through the hole. So it's a one-step process with Peno Guard.

And it only takes one person and 5 minutes to install it – it's a no-brainer. Anybody can do it.

Compared to what's available on the market, Peno Guard is, beyond a shadow of a doubt, a much better device to safeguard workers against the danger of falling through a hole.

The Disasters That Didn't Happen

Start using Peno Guard today and you can prevent the tragedy of falling through a hole from happening and the consequences that follow.

You can prevent workplace death or injury caused by falls through holes, emotional heartbreaks of the victims' families and workers on the site.

You can also prevent extra costs to hire new workers for replacement, court case which is expensive and time consuming, reputation of your company being dampened by the tragedy – when an accident happens, the reputation of your company will almost certainly be affected in a negative way... regardless of whose fault.

How is Peno Guard designed and manufactured?

The design of Peno Guard was started with trial and error after we identified the danger and the needs for the industry.

7 Revisions to ensure it meets the strict safety requirements and needs for the industry.

Since the initial design, Peno Guard has gone through many revisions before we confirm that it meets both the safety requirements and the needs for the industry.

The latest Peno Guard model is the fruit of 7 rigorous revisions.

It is made of high quality steel with grades ranging from 300 (for the small parts) to 500 (for the steel mesh) to ensure high load capacity and durability. Plus, every part of the device is fully welded – it cannot be pulled apart – it's very sturdy and safe to use.

Most importantly, the design of Peno Guard and its strength were tested and approved by qualified engineers for its use in the construction industry.

Engineering Testing On Peno Guard

The qualified engineer who tested and approved Peno Guard is named William Osmo of T.O.P Consulting Group.

There are two aspects we needed to test:

First is the reaction of the device: We tested it by applying loads in different manners and then analysing the reactions of the device under these loads. For example, we tested it for vertical loads, impact loads such as running impacts by a heavy person, side loads... basically any possible loads that might happen on site.

Second, once we understood how the device reacted to various ways of loading, we continued loading the device until it was destroyed – this was to test the ultimate load the device could take before it finally gave way.

With the assistance of the engineers, we continued to revise and improve Peno Guard until it met all the strict safety requirements and the industry standards.

The latest version of Peno Guard is a single device with two steel mesh barriers on it. The device can be easily installed, used and removed by one single person, and it can take up to half a tonne before it gave way which is considered very safe for its use in the industry – it's very unlikely for any one person to hit half a tonne which is equivalent to a walking truck!

Put Peno Guard To The Test On Your Construction Sites Now!

With the new regulations imposed in Victoria which, builders will need to clearly spell out how they're going to ensure safety of their people and themselves.

Although, at this stage, we don't know how the OHS laws and regulations will look like when they have been nationalised, we can be sure that the nationalised laws will be tighter than ever before as all the safety authorities are committed to minimise the number of tragedies caused by falls through holes.

Therefore, Peno Guard will definitely be an essential safety tool for you and your company to provide a higher level of safety protection for yourself and every worker on your site against the danger of falls through holes.

To avoid the tragedy of falls through holes from happening on your sites... avoid being caught up with the emotional heartbreaks that follow... avoid work on your site being suspended by the safety authorities for not complying safety rules... avoid being fined with huge payouts – please request a Peno Guard now and put it to the test on your own building sites.

Please don't be one of them – Get a Peno Guard now and you'll have peace of mind.