

News Release

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WorkSafe Victoria investigates Bayswater North fatality

WorkSafe is investigating the death of a 26-year-old Wantirna man who died at a factory in Stephenson Rd Bayswater, this morning.

The man was running an electric press used to mould rubber gaskets and seals and was found by workmates around 11.30am.

WorkSafe is investigating the possibility of him suffering an electric shock.

Safety improvement notices will be placed on the machine he was operating and a similar one next to it.

This is Victoria's fourth workplace fatality of 2010, compared with six at this time in 2009.

WorkSafe's Acting Director of Health and Safety, Stan Krpan, said the 30 work-related deaths last year was a dreadful outcome, for the Victorian community.

"This is an intolerable number and one that we do not have to repeat but it takes a commitment from the heads of companies, their managers and supervisors through the workforce to make it happen.

"It begins with those making decisions to set and maintain safety standards, consult on matters that affect safety and provide the resources to ensure people are not hurt.

"Simple measures make a real difference not just in preventing deaths but the many serious injuries which have life-changing consequences for individuals and their families."

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