

Workplace media article activity

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There are TWO articles about workplace deaths followed by THREE tasks.

Article 1: 'He simply went to work to provide for his family': Worker loses his foot

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The 'devastated' family of a construction worker who had his foot amputated after a workplace accident at a luxury apartment development are in shock.

Miladin Adamovic was working on an external lift at the Melbourne Village complex in West Melbourne on Saturday when his foot was clipped, leaving it 'hanging by a bit of skin'.

The 40-year-old father was rushed to the Royal Melbourne Hospital but surgeons were unable to save his foot.

The construction site was shut down and CFMEU occupational health and safety manager Gerry Ayers said Mr Adamovic's colleagues were in shock.

"Our thoughts go out to the workers who witnessed that and we're going to provide counselling for all those workers," Dr Ayers said.

Miladin's wife Mirela said it had been tough for the whole family.

"My husband's injury has devastated our family," she said.

"He simply went to work to provide for his family and now we're dealing with this."

Mr Adamovic is being supported by family, friends and colleagues and he will need more surgery in coming days.

CFMEU assistant branch secretary Shaun Reardon said the foot was 'hanging from a bit of skin'.

"This is just another horrible example of the life of a construction worker being put at risk in order to build this city," he said.

"Until governments of both persuasions start protecting the lives of workers instead of turning a blind eye, nothing will change. Our thoughts and support are now firmly with this man and his family."

The CFMEU and Worksafe Victoria are investigating and Mr Reardon has called for urgent meetings with industry stakeholders and Melbourne City Council.

The \$171 million luxury apartment development on Spencer Street will have 531 apartments and include a swimming pool, wellness centre, library lounge and garden.

Saturday's incident was the latest in a string of separate construction site injuries in the past few months.

In late-February, two construction site workers were taken to hospital after becoming trapped in a collapsed four-metre trench in Epping.

In October last year, a crane driver was treated for suspected spinal and leg injuries after he fell about two metres inside a tower crane on a construction site in Melbourne's CBD.

In September 2018, a 48-year-old man died when a 1.5-tonne tub of concrete fell from a crane at a work site in Box Hill, in Melbourne's east.

Two others were injured and submerged in concrete when the crane dropped the tub.

A crane from the same company, Clark Cranes, bent backwards in strong winds in Richmond in July, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of residents.

In 2016/17 there were 24 lives lost in Victoria and 26,429 standard claims with WorkSafe Victoria.

According to Safe Work Australia, 3,414 workers died between 2003 and 2016, 44 who died in 2016 worked in agriculture, forestry and fishing.

SOURCE: <http://www.msn.com/en-au/news/australia/he-simply-went-to-work-to-provide-for-his-family-worker-loses-his-foot/ar-BBVbD2D?li=AAgfYrC&ocid=UE09DHP>

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Article 2: Teen apprentice killed in devastating scaffolding collapse

Stuart Marsh

The tradie who died when scaffolding collapsed at a building site in Sydney has been identified as an 18-year-old apprentice.

Christopher Cassaniti fell from the almost eight-storey structure and became trapped under the debris in Macquarie Park.

A 39-year-old co-worker remains in a critical condition at Royal North Shore hospital.

The two men were working on a 17-metre structure to the rear of the building when it collapsed at around 12.30pm.

The teenage victim's visibly distressed parents visited the scene of the accident at the Lachlan's Line apartment project on Epping Road.

Due to the amount of debris, emergency crews had difficulty reaching Mr Cassaniti, who only celebrated his birthday last week.

"The first resources that arrived on scene found an absolutely chaotic and emotionally charged scene that took some time to ascertain what had happened," NSW Ambulance spokesman Steve Vaughan told 9News.

"The injuries were significant."

When paramedics finally reached Mr Cassaniti, almost two hours after the collapse, he was confirmed dead at the scene.

"I heard people in there screaming 'help us, help us, help us' and screaming obviously in pain with all the metal that had fallen on them," witness Albert Muscat told 9News.

"We started cutting with the grinders and hammers until about 20 minutes later we couldn't hear screaming anymore, that's when the supervisors told us to move out."

As many as nine ambulance units, a Careflight helicopter and multiple Fire and Rescue NSW crews were deployed to the site to assist with the operation.

Police had two eastbound lanes on Epping Road closed while they were at the scene, causing traffic delays in the area.

While all lanes have since reopened, motorists should expect delays and are advised to take an alternative route if possible.

SafeWork NSW officials are also investigating and a report will be prepared by the coroner.

SOURCE: <http://www.msn.com/en-au/news/australia/teen-apprentice-killed-in-devastating-scaffolding-collapse/ar-BBVt68Q?li=AAgfYrC&ocid=UE09DHP>
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Glossary task

Define these terms:

From article 1: workplace accident, CFMEU, industry stakeholders

From article 2: tradie, apprentice, debris

Syllabus task

View your copy of the workplace syllabus and identify which part/s of the syllabus the issues raised in these TWO articles pertain to.

Research Task

Compare and contrast the roles of SafeWork (NSW), WorkSafe (Victoria) and Safe Work Australia in workplace law.