

HAZARD ALERT

SCHOOL BENCH SEATS / PARK SETTING

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REFERENCE:

WHS Act 2012 (SA) sections 19, 21 & 27
WHS Regulations 2012 (SA) – Regulations 34 - 38
CSH&WSA Document No. 14 – Hazard Management

OBJECTIVE:

To ensure hazards are identified, risks assessed, and effective control measures are developed and implemented in regards to bench seats / park setting.

BACKGROUND:

Recently, a few schools / colleges have reported incidents where visitors to the site have sat on the bench seats / park setting (photo below) on one side, resulting in the structure tipping. The visitors fell back, sustaining minor injuries. The settings are fitted with securing/anchoring points (refer photo 1 below) but the schools have not secured them to the ground (example photo 2) as they want to be able to move them when required.



Photo 1: Points that should be used to secure the park setting to the ground



Photo 2: Example at a school, not secured.

PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

- Follow manufacturer's instructions on correct installation. Check to ensure the bench seat / park setting is secured with dyna-bolts or similar (where attachment points are obvious).
- Add the inspection of these bench seats / park settings to your workplace inspections to ensure they are secured to the ground.

For enquiries or further information please contact your WHS Consultant at CSHWSA