



HEALTH AND SAFETY ALERT

Contractor Non-Conformance

Who needs to read this?

All Curtin University Staff members and Contractors

Incident Details

A Lead Contractor had a subcontract agreement with a Crane company to relocate a 10ft container from the Safer Communities Team's compound to Creative Quarter. The necessary permits were in place and a risk assessment for the task was completed.

On performing the lift, the Crane Company and the Lead Contractor failed to implement the necessary exclusion zone. This action exposed a member of the Curtin community to the risk of being crushed by a plant.

Investigation Results

The findings indicated that;

- An exclusion zone was a required control according to the Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) completed by the Lead Contractor however this was not implemented
- The JHA was completed by the Lead Contractor as opposed to the subject matter expert
- The Lead Contractor could not provide adequate supervision for the job as he had scheduled another job to occur at the same time on Curtin grounds

Recommendations

- As a contractor, it is essential you comply with the Occupational Safety and Health legislation and Curtin's Contractor Safety Handbook.
- A system should be put in place to monitor compliance to Job Safety Analysis or Safe Work Method Statements.
- Ensure Safe Work Method Statements or risk assessments are completed by subject matter experts.

It should be noted that upon investigation into a non-compliance or an incident, a Contractor could be deactivated from carrying out works on Curtin University grounds.



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Who do you call with questions?

If you have any queries, please contact Health and Safety on 9266 4900 or email healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au.

References

Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996 (WA)

Curtin's Contractor Management Handbook

Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety – Safe Work Method Statement

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