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IPHONES ALMOST CERTAIN TO BECOME REDUNDANT BY 2021

Iphones are only sophisticated playtoy computers and most people dont even understand this. They will soon be replaced by much more clever zoom glasses that can be activated without the need to start up and go off line. The charging times will be much more advanced and the range of functions (apps means applications) will be ten times more sophisticated.



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ONLINE ONCLOUD ONWEB ONCHIP

We are amazed at the number of people that get taken in by the claims of the HS salesmen who offer wonderful safety files that are online & touted as sliced bread.

It appears that some people are prepared to pay hundreds of dollars per annum for something that should be put in place at zero cost.

If the clients were to implement a proper management system with computer software files then the same files could be made interactive for those in the field at almost no cost. A high quality chip is about \$30. Files can be loaded to the chip.

It should however be understood that the online methodology does not meet legal requirements in relationship to proper Job Task Analysis with evidence of proper training and sign off with annual review. Nor will this process meet legal requirements of the international standards that are used for prosecutions.

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All information in this newsletter is to the best of our knowledge true and accurate. No liability is assumed by the author, or publisher, for any losses suffered by any person relying directly or indirectly upon this newsletter. Please call Head Office for advice. Heb 1:1-3 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, (Yeshua) whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

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PRE CAST CONCRETE FLOOR UNITS WARNING

Worksafe NZ Warning 2018/001

Warning against the use of loop bar details in flange-hung double-tee precast concrete floor units that do not comply with NZS 3101

The Chief Executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is warning that the use of loop bar details in flange-hung double-tee precast concrete floor units that do not comply with NZS 3101 is likely to fail to comply with clause B1 Structure of the New Zealand Building Code.

AMENDMENT 04 OCTOBER 2017

NZS 3101:2006 *Concrete structures standard* sets out the minimum requirements for the design of reinforced and prestressed concrete structures. The objective of this standard is to provide structural engineers with a means of designing and verifying the compliance of concrete structures with New Zealand Building Code.

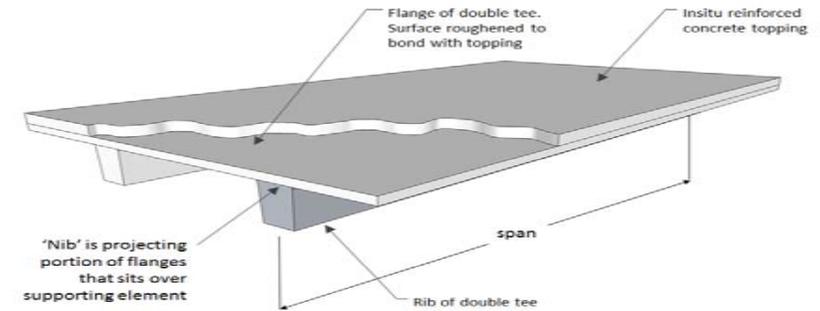
The Canterbury earthquakes and associated building failures showed that some aspects of the current design standards needed updating. The Canterbury Earthquakes Royal Commission of Inquiry and the Structural Engineering Society New Zealand (SESOC) made several recommendations to amend NZS 3101, and some of the recommendations have now been implemented via Amendment. 3.

Also, in March 2017, the independent expert panel that undertook an investigation into the performance of the Statistics House building (Wellington), following the November 2016 Kaikoura earthquake, recommended some actions specific to NZS 3101 and this amendment addresses these issues, specifically the impact of beam elongation on precast floor systems, **maintaining composite connection** of the precast flooring to the *in situ* topping, and precast floor support details.

In our view the amendment will help avert a happening such as the failure of the Tower structure that collapsed in Christchurch in 2011. If correct, it follows that there were **several parties that contributed** to the 90 deaths. The MBIE, the CCC, the Architect and the Builders. It continues to be our view that CCC was the main party. It did not require a sufficiently high earthquake code at the time.

The NZ Govt of the time had closed down the Civil Defence Office in Cashel St as an economy measure. Gordon Hood was a really nice guy and so was his Boss. From 2002 we were able to obtain hundreds of yellow CD jerkins at very low cost for issue to hundreds of fire wardens that we trained prior to the earthquakes.

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WORKSAFE PROSECUTIONS 2017

WorkSafe completed 417 investigations in response to serious health and safety breaches in the year to 30 June 2017, [the agency says in its annual report](#). It initiated 73 prosecutions and completed 66 of these, with 88% being successful.

WorkSafe says the success rate reflects the high quality of its investigation and legal processes. "Enforcement forms part of a well-functioning regulatory system (providing both deterrence and accountability). WorkSafe uses its suite of enforcement tools (from notices through to prosecutions) to encourage changes in behaviours and practices across the health and safety system. Being credible, fair and proportionate are fundamental principles that inform our enforcement approach," the report says.

"We take an open and transparent approach to how we use our enforcement tools so duty-holders clearly understand what is required of them. Our publicly available [Enforcement Policy](#) and [Enforcement Decision Making Model](#) set clear guidance so that duty-holders know when and how we will use our enforcement tools."

The report says there was wide interest in WorkSafe's use of the [enforceable undertaking tool](#) provided under the new regulatory regime. "EUs now form part of WorkSafe's wider suite of enforcement tools, providing an alternative means to prosecution to hold duty-holders to account while delivering benefits to workers, industry and the community. WorkSafe accepted two Enforceable Undertakings in 2016/17."



3.

EARTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL

Worksafe has accepted an enforceable undertaking from Earthcare Environmental Limited, following an incident in July 2016 where a worker suffered hand injuries including the amputation of two fingers.

The worker was operating a cardboard baler which bundles waste card into bales that are held together with wire. The worker noticed that a wire wasn't picked up by the machine and tried to flick it back into place. His gloved hand became entangled in a wire twister. The worker lost his ring finger and little finger and sustained de-gloving to the back of his right hand.



“Earthcare Environmental has taken the learnings from what was a serious worker injury and proposed appropriate, long-term, sustainable health and safety improvements that will benefit not just their workplace, but others in the recycling industry and the local community.

“WorkSafe was particularly interested in the development of a publicly available machinery risk management course for industry and the benefit of this course for current and future workers”.

The victim was not opposed to the enforceable undertaking as a suitable enforcement outcome to the incident.

Under the enforceable undertaking, Earthcare Environmental Limited committed to initiatives including:

To provide amends to the victim.

To provide further training to workers in the risk assessment of machinery.

Co-fund the development of a new machinery risk management course for industry.
Fund course attendance for 15 workers from the wider waste industry.

Promote the industry benefits of the course to the waste industry via WasteMinz Revolve magazine, the EMA Business Plus magazine, and other communication channels.

Make a donation to AT Hand Therapy in Greytown.

Following our investigation into the incident, we found that Earthcare Environmental had failed under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 to ensure, so far as was reasonably practicable, the health and safety of a worker who works for Earthcare Environmental.

WorkSafe Deputy General Manager, Investigations and Specialist Services Simon Humphries said the decision to accept the enforceable undertaking was appropriate given the circumstances.