

SAFETY AROUND CRANES

WHO HAS DUTIES UNDER THE LAW?

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| <p>A Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU)</p> | <p>A PCBU has the primary duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, workers and other people are not exposed to health and safety risks arising from the business or undertaking.</p> <p>This duty requires the person to manage risks by eliminating health and safety risks so far as is reasonably practicable. If it is not reasonably practicable to eliminate the risks, those risks must be minimised so far as is reasonably practicable. It also includes ensuring so far as is reasonably practicable the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision and maintenance of safe plant including cranes. • Safe use, handling, storage and transport of plant. <p>The Work Health and Safety (WHS) Regulations include specific duties for a PCBU with management or control of plant, powered mobile plant and plant that lifts or suspends loads.</p> <p>If you own a crane you are the person with management or control of that plant. If you hire or lease a crane, you have management or control of that plant for the period you have hired it. Both you and the person you have hired or leased it from will have duties to eliminate or minimise the risks associated with the plant, so far as is reasonably practicable.</p> |
| <p>Designers, Manufacturers, Suppliers and Importers</p> | <p>Designers, manufacturers, suppliers and importers of plant must ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the plant they design, manufacture, import or supply is without risks to health and safety. This duty includes carrying out analysis, testing or an examination and providing specific information about the plant. Information must, so far as is reasonably practicable, be passed on from the designer through to the manufacturer and supplier to the end user.</p> <p>Suppliers must provide a purchaser of a crane which requires plant design registration, with the design registration number.</p> |
| <p>Officers</p> | <p>Officers, such as company directors, have a duty to exercise due diligence to ensure the business or undertaking complies with the WHS Act and Regulations. This includes taking reasonable steps to ensure the business or undertaking has and uses appropriate resources and processes to eliminate or minimise risks from plant.</p> |
| <p>Workers and Others</p> | <p>Workers and other people at the workplace must take reasonable care for their own health and safety, co-operate with reasonable policies, procedures and instructions and not adversely affect other people's health and safety.</p> |