



AUTO DISMANTLING INDUSTRY

SafeWork NSW is here to help improve safety for workers and businesses.

Our Regional Harm Prevention Project (RHPP) is designed to identify emerging issues and risks within regionally based industries that can be addressed through a targeted approach, to improve compliance and safety outcomes for the industry.

SafeWork NSW has developed a RHPP in response to a series of incidents involving fires and explosions in the auto dismantling industry, which has resulted in serious injuries to workers and major damage to property and the environment.

The main contributing factors that have led to serious incidents occurring within the auto dismantling industry includes:

1. Unsafe work practices involving the removal of LPG & petrol fuel tanks and systems from vehicles
2. Unsafe work practices involving the crushing of vehicles with fuel tanks and fuel systems still being in place
3. Inadequate procedures for the storage and handling of dangerous goods

4. Poor housekeeping
5. Non-compliant emergency procedures.

SafeWork NSW will be contacting businesses involved in the auto dismantling industry within Sydney to verify compliance with work health and safety obligations, and provide practical advice and assistance to improve safety standards.

Those businesses that are visited by SafeWork NSW as part of the RHPP may be eligible for the Small Business Safety Rebate to implement a safety solution at the workplace, worth up to \$500, if the business has less than 50 full time workers. Businesses will be provided with information on how to access the small business rebate as part of the site visit undertaken.

For more information on the RHPP:

- Visit www.safework.nsw.gov.au
- Call 13 10 50.

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