

# INDUSTRY FLASH

## *Fall from Heights*

A plumber fell through a laser light panel at an Australian manufacturing site this week.

The worker had been walking across a roof when he stepped on to the laser light. It gave way under his weight and he fell through, hitting a spray booth before landing on the ground.

The worker received a broken femur, superficial head injuries and other minor injuries.

Preliminary investigations show that although robust hazard management processes exist for this type of work, they were not utilised for the task. As a result there were no suitable risk controls implemented.

Investigations are now underway to determine the root cause of the incident and introduce appropriate measures to prevent a reoccurrence.

The injured worker was airlifted to the closest capital city for specialist attention.

It is anticipated he will be off work for an extended period of time with his injuries.

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