

SAFETY ALERT



SAFETY ALERT WorkSafe Notices 28 October 2021

Note the content of this Safety Alert is suitable to be shared as a toolbox talk

Summary

Worksafe inspectors can visit any workplace across Western Australia at any time.

Where inspectors become aware of non-compliance with provisions of the OSH Act and/or regulations, they may issue verbal directions, improvement or prohibition notices, or issue a combination of these.

Any improvement notice or prohibition notice issued must be displayed in a prominent place at or near any workplace affected by the notice. These notices must not be removed until the requirements have been satisfied.

Any notices must be sent to WARRRL immediately along with a description and evidence of corrective actions undertaken to rectify the breaches.



Recently, 2 Worksafe notices have been issued that we wanted to share with all refund points.

1. Hot water – Worksafe deem it reasonable that people working with waste have hot water available to wash their hands with.
2. Noise protection for customers – Worksafe have advised that it is reasonably practicable that the safety and health of others (i.e. customers) is considered and that they are not adversely affected by the work being performed. Warning signs (red, black and white danger sign stating the hazard of loud noise and blue and white PPE sign stating hearing protection must be worn) to be in place and verbal systems of communication regarding the offer of wearing hearing protection or staying in their car is to be provided. So a sign saying take ear plugs isn't enough, they need to be offered hearing protection or alternatives to protect their hearing.

REQUIRED ACTIONS/REVIEW TO BE TAKEN

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	BY WHO	BY WHEN
Hot Water		
1. Please review if your site has hot water available for persons to wash their hands. If not, please rectify this situation.	Refund Point	
2. Please confirm to safety@warrri.com.au if you site has hot water or when it will be rectified.	Refund Point	

Noise protection for customers		
3. Please ensure adequate signage is displayed in an appropriate area (outside so customers can see signage). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Danger sign warning of hazard b. PPE – hearing protection mandatory sign to be inside premises 	Refund Point	
4. Complete toolbox meeting and educate all staff in offering hearing protection to all customers and explaining why hearing protection is a good idea.	Refund Point	
5. Provide appropriate hearing protection for customers. Provide a bin near exit to dispose thoughtfully of disposable ear plugs.	Refund Point	
6. Please advise safety@warrri.com.au when toolbox has been completed and signage displayed.	Refund Point	