



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY INCIDENT ALERT

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DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Near Miss - Dropped Object

Workers were installing a glass panel for a patio railing using suction cups. While they were lifting the panel, the suction cup failed and the glass panel fell to the ground below (approximately 2 storeys). No workers were injured.

*Ask yourself
“Could this happen here?”*



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Ensure workers conduct a pre-use inspection of equipment.
- Test suction cups for effectiveness prior to lifting glass panelling.
- Ensure barricades are installed in the area where there is a potential for a drop zone.
- Consider weather conditions (i.e. wind, rain) when conducting this type of work.
- Use a buddy system to lift glass

KEY TAKE AWAY

Ensure tools and equipment are inspected and tested prior to use to ensure they are in good working order and can effectively perform the required task

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