

HAZARD ALERT

SCHOOL BAG RACKS 6 February 2020

REFERENCE:

WHS Act 2012 (SA) sections 19, 21 & 27
WHS Regulations 2012 (SA) – Regulations 34 - 38
CSH&WSA Document No. 14 – Hazard Management

OBJECTIVE:

To ensure hazards are identified, risks assessed, and effective control measures are developed and implemented in regards to school bag racks.

BACKGROUND:

An education site reported that four students were standing on the bottom shelf of a bag rack, (Picture 1) holding onto the top shelf whilst leaning backwards. This resulted in the bag rack toppling onto the students and pushing them onto the concrete floor. The bag racks were previously dyna-bolted into the ground (Picture 2) but due to renovations last year they were repositioned until the building work was completed. Earlier this year the racks were placed back in their original position but were not dyna-bolted back into the concrete.



Picture 1



Picture 2

PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

- Check all bags racks and hooks to ensure they are adequately secured to the floor and/or wall
- Add the inspection of fasteners to your "Workplace Inspection" checklists