

# HAZARD ALERT

## Metal Awning Collapse 28 February 2022

### REFERENCES:

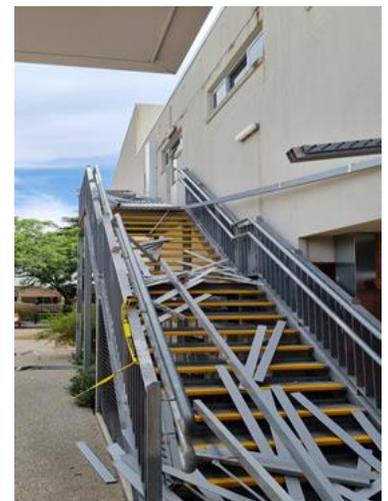
WHS Act 2012 (SA) Sections 19, 20, 21 & 27  
WHS Regulations 2012 (SA) – Regulations 34 – 38, 54, 55, 201 & 202  
CSH&W SA Procedure (3) – Work Environment and Facilities Procedure

### OBJECTIVE:

To communicate a safety issue recently identified regarding the collapse of a metal awning from the second storey of a Catholic Church Endowment Society (CCES) worksite and provide sites with recommendations to ensure hazards are identified, risks assessed, and effective control measures are developed and implemented.

### BACKGROUND:

Recently an incident occurred where a metal awning became detached and fell from the second storey of a building during a weather event. The area underneath the awning is usually a busy thoroughfare, however it occurred on a Sunday when there was no one present in the direct vicinity.



Remnants of the collapsed metal awning

### PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

- Identify whether your site has any metal awning structures similar to this. They are generally found above windows and/or entrances. If similar structures are found on your site, please add them to your Grounds, Buildings, and External Walkways Workplace Inspections Form.
- Inspect whether any of the upper supports have pulled away from the building, come loose or are severely corroded.
- Inspect where the wall plate of the structure is fixed to the building and check to see it is still secure and not pulling away from the wall or its fixing points.
- If there are any issues present, prevent access to the direct area underneath and contact your building maintenance provider immediately for further inspections or repairs.
- When installing overhead structures only use qualified builders and certified products.
- **For enquiries or further information please contact your WHS Consultant at CSHWSA**