



## Workplace Health and Safety Queensland

### Crane operation - FAVELLE/FAVCO tower cranes

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) has applied a prohibition on all operational Favelle and Favco tower cranes for lifting personnel and/or loads over workers, unless a safety device is installed to prevent free fall.

This enforcement action was put in place following a free fall incident on the Gold Coast in 2006 where a Favco tower crane was used to lift workers. As of 2 December 2008, complying safety systems have been fitted to only 10 of the 35 operational Favco and Favelle tower cranes.

In order to achieve full compliance by 30 June 2009, WHSQ is implementing a follow-up enforcement strategy. The enforcement strategy for Favco and Favelle tower cranes is as follows:

**For cranes erected and in use prior to 2 March 2009** - An Improvement Notice will be issued to all owners of Favco and Favelle tower cranes, which are operational on a site and not fitted with a safety system to control free fall. The compliance period of the Improvement Notice will be 30 June 2009. These notices will be issued commencing 2 January 2009. The safety system is to be to technical benchmarks specified by WHSQ.

Owners of these cranes that have not had the necessary safety system fitted by 30 June 2009 will be issued a Prohibition Notice prohibiting the use of the crane(s).

**For cranes erected on or after 2 March 2009** - These tower cranes will be required to have a safety system fitted to control free fall, complying with technical benchmarks specified by WHSQ, before they can be used.

If this is not done, WHSQ will issue a Prohibition Notice to the crane owner to totally prohibit use of the tower crane until the safety system is fitted.

Existing notices that have been issued to tower cranes for lifting of loads over persons or lifting persons in a work box will continue to remain in force.

### For more information

For more workplace health and safety information on cranes, visit [www.worksafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au) or call the Workplace Health and Safety Info Line on 1300 369 915.

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