

SAFETY ALERT



TITLE: Number: 86 – Incident Reporting

Background

On Friday 10 March, a contractor worker had finished work for the day when they felt a bite on their stomach and discovered a squashed white tip spider. The Worker did not report the incident straight away, as there was no immediate reaction. Over the weekend the area became inflamed, they attended the doctors 13 March and returned to work the following day. The incident wasn't reported to Management until 14 March.

It is important to report all safety incidents regardless of how minor they may seem. This is important to ensure companies comply with WorkSafe notification requirements and information is documented to assist in progressing worker compensation claims.

Key Points

- Any safety incident needs to be reported immediately or as soon as practicable no matter how small or inconsequential it may seem.
- Facts are easier to recall the sooner you report.
- Eliminate the potential of forgetting information or being denied workers compensation by reporting the incident the same day.