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Tragedy Reinforces Need for Ongoing Vigilance on Safety

Master Builders extends its deepest sympathies to the family, friends and work colleagues of the construction worker who was fatally injured on an East Perth construction site yesterday.

Master Builders urges all builders, sub-contractors and building workers to place a greater focus on the importance of safety in the building and construction industry to ensure this most recent tragedy is not repeated.

According to Master Builders Director, Michael McLean, workers have a right and expectation to go to work and return home safely and that did not happen yesterday.

“Whilst the building and construction industry has taken great strides in improving its safety record in the commercial and residential sectors in Western Australia in recent years, this sad event reminds us all of the need for constant vigilance by all stakeholders on a building site about safety standards in making a site safe,” Mr McLean said.

“There are WorkSafe regulations that govern edge protection and working at heights but something happened in this instance that caused the process to fail. We need to learn from the forensic investigation what happened to cause this fatality.”

“Sadly, the events of yesterday provide a clear message to all in the building industry of the importance of safety and a reason for not allowing it to happen again,” Mr McLean concluded.

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