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WorkSafeBC Flyform Inspectional Initiative

CLR received notice from WorkSafeBC regarding a flyform inspectional initiative which will begin November 1st and continue for three months. During this time, WorkSafeBC prevention officers will be inspecting flyforms on construction sites throughout the Vancouver lower mainland and in Victoria.

Below is an explanation received from WorkSafeBC regarding the flyform inspectional initiative.

Why Flyforms?

Between August 2020 and March 2021 there were five significant incidents where a flyform on a concrete high rise was being moved (i.e., cycled) and a structural component failed. These actions resulted in the flyform either collapsing onto the deck surface or partially falling out of the side of the building.

When and where

This inspectional focus will take place in the lower mainland and Victoria area engaging prime contractors, form work contractors and engineers to ensure:

- engineered flyform drawings are compliant
- adequate Safe Work Procedures (SWPs) for cycling flyforms are in place
- engineered drawings and SWPs adequately consider any non-typical flyforms
- direction is obtained from the formwork engineer before deviating from the drawings
- there are adequate systems of supervision, inspection, and oversight

The inspectional focus starts November 1st and will run for three months. WorkSafeBC will share a full summary of the findings to industry once the inspections are complete.

Additional Resources for Flyform Regulations & WorkSafeBC Inspectional Initiative

- View OHS Regulation Part 20: Construction, Evacuation, and Demolition, [here](#).
- View related Policies for Concrete Falsework and Framework – Specification and Plans, [here](#).
- For WorkSafeBC Prevention Support Services contact, 604-273-2266 and ask to speak with Prevention Field Services Manager, Andrew Kidd, or Consultation and Education Services Manager, Jaret Swanson.

If you have any questions regarding the flyform inspectional initiative, please contact Glen Williams CLR @ glenw@clra-bc.com.