

# Invitation to comment

## The National Code of Practice for the Prevention of Falls in General Construction (the [General Falls Code](#))

## The National Code of Practice for Precast, Tilt-up and Concrete Elements in Building Construction (the [Tilt-up Code](#))

NT WorkSafe is proposing to call up the above two National Codes of Practice under the Northern Territory Workplace Health and Safety Regulations. NT WorkSafe is proposing to adopt both National Codes during 2010 and is interested in comments / feedback from those working in the construction industry.

The General Falls Code and the Tilt-up Code will support the NT Workplace Health and Safety Regulations. The obligations for fall prevention and the safe handling of precast, tilt-up and concrete elements have always been contained in the NT Workplace Health and Safety Regulations. These two Codes will provide practical advice, examples and guidelines to ensure you fulfil your obligations under the legislation. They also assist in creating and maintaining consistent safe work practices across Australia.

### The General Falls Code

The General Falls Code encourages a nationally consistent approach to the implementation of occupational health and safety in the construction industry.

It provides you with practical guidance on how to meet your obligations under the National Standard.

The General Falls Code aims to provide you with:

- Practical advice on adopting a risk management approach to fall prevention from heights and examples of physical fall prevention measures; and
- Guidance on risk assessment processes and the preparation of Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS).

Although the Code can be applied to the cottage construction industry, it is not specifically tailored to this type of construction. NT WorkSafe recommends the information bulletin [03.02.05](#) – Prevention of falls in residential construction be used as a guide for the prevention of falls in housing construction in the first instance.

Your feedback is valuable to the implementation of these Codes. Register your comments by 27 November 2009 with Vikki Young by email [ntworksafe@nt.gov.au](mailto:ntworksafe@nt.gov.au) or toll free phone 1800 019 115.

The Codes are accessible from the NT WorkSafe website [www.worksafe.nt.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au)

### The Tilt-up Code

The objective of the Tilt-up Code is to provide practical guidance to employers and workers on the safe handling of concrete elements in the construction industry.

The practical advice within the Tilt-up Code can assist in minimising risks and hazards relating to concrete elements in the construction industry.

In turn, this advice can assist employers and workers meet the requirements of the *National Standard for Construction Work* [NOHSC: 1016 (2005)] in the area of concrete elements.

The Tilt-up Code covers:

- duty holder responsibilities
- safe design
- handling, storage, transportation
- on-site prefabrication
- erection, and
- demolition