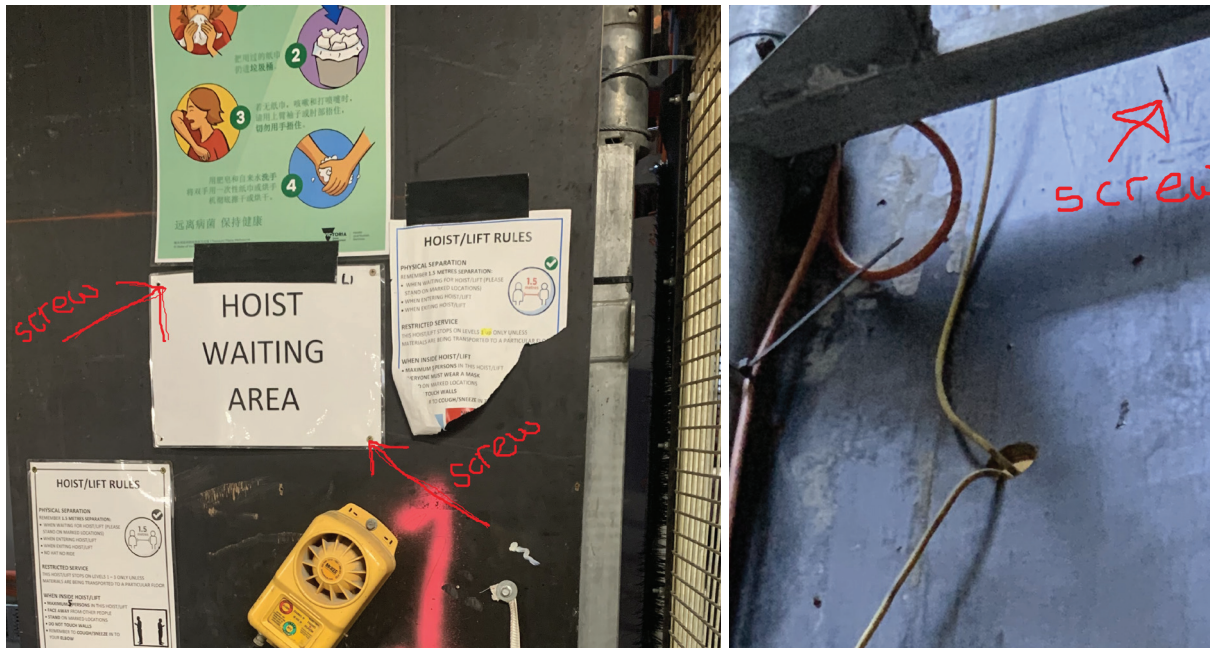


LIVE SCREW CAUSES ELECTRIC SHOCK ON BUILDING SITE



What Happened.

On Tuesday the 10th of November a worker on a building site in Melbourne received an electric shock after touching a screw while waiting for an Alimak. The screw, which was holding up laminated COVID-safe signage, went through a timber wall and penetrated an active live cable (see orange cable in photo above).

The worker was not seriously injured but was taken to hospital for assessment.

Containment measures.

All sites should conduct a site audit with your safety committee, including your CFMEU and PPTEU delegates, on all hoists and any other wall that has live cables behind it. Check all screws, fixings and penetrations to ensure nothing is live.

Moving forward hoist companies and site management will need to ensure that cables are as far away as practicable from any wall likely to need signage screwed into it.

Warning signage must be installed where live cables are already located behind a wall if the cables can't be relocated.

WorkSafe will be attending the site tomorrow and making their own recommendations.

Contact your Organiser for further information or guidance.