

# Safety Alert/Bulletin

## Title: REBAR / LINE PIN SAFETY– JUNE 2018

### Reason for Alert:

- Recent Close Calls raised highlighting dangerous practice of site staff not placing safety caps on Rebar / Line Pins

### Background:

Falling into/onto unguarded rebar or line pins can impale you. Cap the ends of protruding rebar/line pins to eliminate the danger of persons walking into them or falling onto them and to make them more visible. Only 'mushroom' caps designed to provide impalement protection should be used. Standard plastic caps are designed to provide scratch protection only.



### Hazards:

- Cuts
- Lacerations
- Puncture wounds
- Impalement

### Actions:

- Mushroom caps are mandatory on all rebar ends and line pins, where any person could have contact or fall onto them
- Mushroom caps can reduce the risk of injuries such as:-
  - Cuts from burrs
  - Lacerations due to heavy contact with rebar ends
  - Eye injuries, due to bars sticking out at eye level
  - Impalement due to falling on rebars etc
- Anyone laying rebar or installing line pins have a duty to ensure exposed ends are capped. Take a supply of mushroom caps with you when undertaking such works
- Care should be taken to ensure capped bars are maintained
- When work is completed, caps should be collected and re-used.