



CONSTRUCTION SAFETY ALERT



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KEEP YOUR WORKPLACE

SAFE

INSIST ON QUALIFIED WELDERS & WELDING TO AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS

The Australian steel industry is based around the integrated nature of Australian Standards. The key to maintaining these standards in construction is the welding code i.e. AS1554.

The welder needs to be qualified and tested and the equipment used calibrated and approved through tested samples. The integrity of a steel structure is also dependent on the coating scheme which must be applied onsite. These Australian Standards are too often being breached in construction.

Dodgy bosses in the construction industry are putting workers and the public in danger when they take short cuts with the Australian Welding codes i.e. AS 1554.

Your safety is put at risk when dodgy bosses are looking to save costs by:

- using unqualified workers for welding,
- failing to do the required testing,
- using non-compliant steel products, or
- failing to apply the correct coating scheme.

Make sure safety is not put at risk on your job - insist on qualified welders.

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE DODGY WELDS ON SITE?



1. THE SILICONE 'WELD'

2. 'COCKY'S SHIT' WELDING

3. CONCRETE USED TO SEAL A WELD

If there's welding on your construction site then call the AMWU on 9230 5700 to speak to an AMWU organiser.

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