



Safety alert!

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High winds and unsecured glass – a shattering experience!



A recent incident at a suburban shopping centre highlighted the dangers of glass installation, and what can go wrong if glass panels are left unsecured in their frames.

A sheet of glass, approximately 900mm x 1200mm, weighing around 70kg, fell 20 metres on to a car park entrance. If a car or

pedestrian had been entering or exiting the consequences would have been devastating.

The glass fell because while the sheets were installed in the frame some weeks before hand, they had not been permanently secured or fixed. This is a practice that cannot be allowed to continue – especially when we are coming into the season of high winds.

No glass should be left unsecured and/or unsealed at any time – let alone overnight or

for weeks at a time!

Each sheet of glass must be checked and confirmed to be fully secured and fixed into place before moving onto the next task by both the glazier and the manager/s of the project.

If in doubt about the methods and security of any glass installation on your job, call the CFMEU OHS Unit for more information and advice.

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