## **TOILET COMPLIANCE**

## SafeWork SA

## VISUAL REPORT

In 2021, the Electrical Trades Union and the Communications Electrical Plumbing Union (ETU and CEPU) published a report called 'Nowhere to Go' which found there were inadequate bathroom amenities for workers, particularly women on many work sites around Australia.







A review of SafeWork SA's database (10 years) found the **construction** industry accounted for 42% of 765 complaints associated with toilets in the past decade. Construction also accounted for half of all toilet-related Improvement Notices, mostly in the residential construction sector.

SafeWork SA published new guidance on toilet facilities at construction sites in collaboration with the South Australian branches of the CEPU, the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU), the Master Builders and the Civil Contractors Federation (CCF).

As portable toilets need to be maintained and serviced in a hygienic way to minimise the risk of infections and disease for workers and the public, and with the managing risk of fall campaign in residential campaign targeting the residential construction sector in the second half of 2023, it was decided to include compliance with toilet facilities as part of the audit.

SafeWork SA audited 168 residential building sites in metropolitan Adelaide over a six-month period, issuing builders with 103 toilet-related improvement notices.



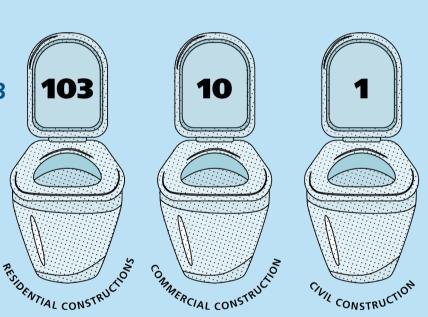
**FROM** 1 July 2023 to **31 December 2023** 

SafeWork SA has issued 114 improvement notices to the construction industry in the following sectors:

49%

43%

39%



**13** sites did not provide any toilets.



Of the **90** sites that did have a toilet. the noncompliances were in the following categories:

Adequate and hygienic means for disposing of sanitary items for toilets used by female workers.

93% an adequate supply of paper towel for each toilet and replenished regularly

67%

for each toilet and replenished regularly 64%

Toilets need to be equipped with a rubbish bin

an adequate supply toilet paper for each toilet and replenished regularly

serviced regularly to keep them clean.

Portable toilets should be located in a secure place

with safe access

10%



