



# Hazard 2020 FAQs

## Q: What is Hazard 2020?

Hazard 2020 is a new safety initiative from the Federal Safety Commissioner which places an increased emphasis on all work relating to both **Scaffolding** and **Mobile Plant**. The campaign will focus on:

- Expanding the range of educational material and information associated with managing these risks onsite.
- Selecting mobile plant and scaffolding to be part of all onsite audits where those risks are present.
- More closely tracking incidents reports and corrective action reports involving mobile plant and scaffolding to better understand the root causes of these safety issues to inform our education and audit approaches.

## Q: Why scaffolding and mobile plant?

Both Mobile Plant and Scaffolding are the most commonly reported incidents reported to the OFSC by Scheme accredited companies, and are the most frequently issued hazard related Corrective Action Reports issued at on-site audits.

- Over 50% of reported incidents that are associated with a high-risk hazard are either Mobile Plant or Falls from Height related;
- Almost 60% of CARs issued against hazards are against Mobile Plant or Scaffolding.

## Q: How will the OFSC's work be different?

Hazard 2020 is part of the OFSC's role in working collaboratively with accredited companies to improve safety across the building and construction industry. Our work remains the same – It's just being more closely informed by incident reporting data which tells us that over the last 5 years, mobile plant and scaffolding are the most common high risk construction activities associated with safety incidents onsite.

## Q: Will audits be different? Will I have to complete extra audits?

Where applicable during the campaign, one or both of the Hazard 2020 criteria will be selected for assessment through the existing on-site audit program.

OFSC audits involve the selection of particular hazards available on-site to assess WHS performance under standard systems-based criteria. The type and number of hazard(s) selected depend on the type of audit being conducted and the nature of the project being audited, as well as overall OFSC priorities such as Hazard 2020.

There is no requirement for companies to undertake new or additional audits as part of Hazard 2020.

## Q: Will there be new audit criteria?

The Hazard 2020 campaign is not introducing any new audit criteria. All criteria used for Hazard 2020 audits are already present in the [FSC Audit Criteria Guidelines](#).

## **Q: Will reporting requirements be different during Hazard 2020?**

The Hazard 2020 campaign is not imposing any new Scheme reporting requirements, and will not change any of the current reporting requirements.

The OFSC will be continuing to analyse incident data involving both Mobile Plant and Scaffolding throughout the Hazard 2020 campaign to assess impact and target OFSC resources. Hazard 2020 data will be published periodically throughout the 12 month campaign.

## **Q: What resources are available to companies?**

The OFSC has prepared initial fact sheets including criteria guidance which will be available on our [Hazard 2020 webpage](#). Campaign information updates, case studies and examples of leading practice will be published as the campaign unfolds.

## **Q: How long will Hazard 2020 last?**

Hazard 2020 will run for twelve months to October 2021, with outcomes and findings published beyond that. Incident and CAR tracking data will also be published throughout the campaign.

## **Q: Where can I send examples of innovative scaffold and Mobile Plant Management practices?**

Companies can email through examples of innovative hazard management practices to [ofsc@jobs.gov.au](mailto:ofsc@jobs.gov.au). The OFSC will be collating and analysing these examples to identify those appropriate to be showcased through case studies.