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News

## Lower death rates The Australian building and construction industry has developed a Voluntary Code of Practice (VCOP) to combat the unacceptably high death and injury rates of workers on Australian building sites. On average, one worker a week dies on construction sites in Australia and many more are seriously injured. This fatality rate is the highest of any industry in Australia – three times the

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reduce this rate of injury and

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decrease unnecessary regulation across States. The CRC for Construction Innovation is providing the industry research leadership in coordinating and funding this key project.