

# SAFETY ALERT

ARTC NSW No. 3



## Safety Clips – Air hose couplings

An employee received an injury to the head after being struck by the coupling on the end of an air hose.

The hose was attached to an air compressor which was positioned on the back of a work truck. The compressor had just been turned off. The employee was loading some equipment onto the back of the truck. A piece of this equipment struck one of the air hoses.

The hose became un-coupled and because of residual pressure, became airborne and struck the employee on the head.

### Investigation

**The investigation revealed that the air hose coupling did not have safety clips fitted.**

These safety clips prevent the accidental un-coupling of the air hoses

### Action:

- All air compressor hose couplings are to be checked to ensure that safety clips are being used
- If safety clips are not being used, they are to be purchased and utilised.
- All employees to be advised of this incident
- Communicate to all employees the importance and significance of using the “Take 5” approach in hazard identification and risk assessment. The implementation of “Take Five” would have prevented this accident