

UNSW Safety & Wellbeing

Safety Alert December 2018

Loose and Falling Ceiling Tiles

A ceiling tile fell from the suspended ceiling grid striking a worker at their desk.

Background

In well illuminated office environment a compressed mineral fibre ceiling panel measuring 1200mm x 600mm fell from 2 metres from its ceiling support grid system without any human intervention.

The ceiling panel struck a worker on the head who was sat at their desk. The impact injured the worker requiring medical treatment.

What was done well

- Swift appropriate action from the local first aider for the injured worker within 1-2 minutes following the incident.
- Office staff contacted Estate

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