

Supermarket Trolley Collectors - Low Visibility

This *Hazard Alert* is issued to inform employers and workers of the hazards associated with the collection of supermarket trolleys in car parks.

Background

Supermarket trolleys are often collected at dusk or night, or in poorly lit car parks. Under these conditions, visibility is low and there is an increased likelihood of the trolley collectors being injured by vehicles operating in the area.

Preventive Measures

In order to avoid workplace injuries or fatalities occurring to the supermarket trolley collectors it is essential employers ensure that:

- Traffic control is provided, for example the installation of speed humps in supermarket car parks to slow vehicles down;
- High visibility clothing including vests with reflectors are provided to, and worn by trolley collectors;
- Improved lighting may need to be provided: and
- Training and supervision is provided for trolley collectors on traffic awareness in supermarket car parks.

Duties under the ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989*

The ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989* (*the Act*) imposes a duty of care on all parties to take all reasonably practical steps to ensure that plant and equipment used in the workplace present no risks to health or safety. Penalties exist for breaches of *the Act*.

