



OHS alert!

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Watch out for Fraudulent Certificates (tickets) of Competency

On-the-ball CFMEU OHS Reps have again identified shonky certificates of competency circulating throughout the industry.

One such fraudulent ticket recently handed in to the Union claims that the holder of the ticket is certified as a competent 'Construction Spotter' for 'NO GO ZONES'. It also claims that the holder has completed training for Electrical Safety Awareness,

Earthmoving and Construction Plant Awareness and First Aid, and is therefore competent to work safely near 'Overhead and Underground assets'.

The ticket was 'purchased' for the bargain price of \$140 – with no training or skills assessment for the work it's supposed to certify. It even had a forged WorkSafe logo on the front!

Electrical Spotter Certificates are issued by Energy Safe Victoria, and only after all appropriate training and assessment is undertaken.

Both WorkSafe and Energy Safe have been made aware of this illegal and extremely dangerous practice, and are investigating.

If you're not sure of someone's claims of competency, or if you have any doubt over the legitimacy of anyone's tickets, contact the CFMEU immediately.

It's in everyone's interest to make safety the priority on our worksites.



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