

UNSW Safety & Wellbeing

Safety Alert

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## **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