**Issue and background**

* Following enquiries from WorkSafe, outdoor fitness equipment manufacturer a\_space has recently identified a fault with chest press equipment installed in some Victorian schools, including some government schools.
* The pads in limiter box, which limit range of movement of handles, can be worn down over time allowing inversion of arms when considerable force is applied. This could create a pinch point hazard.
* The manufacturer made written notification to impacted schools and remediation works were completed on 7 October 2022. This involved installing a bracket that provides additional reinforcement to prevent the unit from extending beyond its regulated range of movement. The manufacturer bore the cost of remediation works.
* DET also contacted impacted schools and offered support to cordon off equipment and implement any other risk control measures required.

**Immediate action required**

* If schools have an a\_space chest press that has not been remediated by a\_space, they should isolate the equipment and contact a\_space to confirm whether remediation is required.

**Ongoing Action**

Schools should continue to ensure all outdoor equipment is maintained and checked regularly as per DET requirements [Workplace Inspections: 8 Legislation, Codes of Practice, Standards and Guidance | education.vic.gov.au](https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/workplace-inspections/procedure/8-legislation-codes-practice-standards-and-guidance)

If you have any issues or wish to discuss, contact the Department’s OHS Advisory Service via phone: 1300 074 715 or via email: safety@edumail.vic.gov.au.