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**STATES as follows:**

1. My full name is Alan Brian Butler
2. I am currently 30 years of age and was born on the 12 March, 1964
3. I am aware that this statement is being provided to a representative of XYZ Investigations who are acting as investigators on behalf of Sungo Insurance Limited in relation to an accident that occurred on 18 December 2003
4. I acknowledge and agree to Sungo Insurance collecting and disclosing my personal information, including sensitive and health information if applicable, in accordance with the Sungo Privacy Policy.
5. I am the holder of a current electricians license
6. Around November, 2003 I was working as an electrician in Queensland as part of a working holiday. I am not sure when I started work in Queensland but it would have been around that time. I had approached a company called Universe Electrical Co of 10 Frederick Drive, Nerang QLD 4211 who I was told by a friend could give me some work. The boss of Universe Electrical Co, Tony Danzo, agreed to give me some work as a sub contractor.

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7. On the 18 December, 2003 I was working as an electrician on a large retirement village project at 38-56 Stanhope Road, Hope Island QLD. I was working mainly in a team of three persons which was myself, a guy called Mark and another bloke called Adrian Hill. I am not sure of Mark's surname. We worked really well together and it was a good team. The building project had been going on for a few months and was in various stages of completion.
8. About 7.00 on the morning of the 18 December, 2003 I remember going to the workshop at Universal Electical Co which was the bosses house. I'm pretty sure it was 10 Frederick Drive, Nerang. The bosses name was Tony Danzo and I used to meet him Mark and Adrian and then the four of us would travel to Casey's Road to the building site in Tony's car.
9. Usually when we rock up to the job the site foreman is there and we usually say hello to him but I cannot remember if this is what happened on that day. I am pretty sure we would have let him know we were there.
10. Me, Mark and Adrian then started work on a unit within the complex but I don't know the number. It was still under construction and the slab had not been laid yet. The three of us were laying conduit and I was tying it to the formwork before the slab was poured which was supposed to happen the next day.
11. I am not sure what time but during the morning, Adrian got called off to do something else, we were testing the alarms for the block of four units because the fire department were coming later that day to do some testing and Adrian was hooking up the alarms to do a quick test. I just kept on with the job I was doing.
12. Later in the morning, again I have no idea what time, I was on the balcony of the unit I was on when I saw Adrian walking down the road in front of the unit where I was and he had his right hand and arm out in front of him as if he had hurt it. He also looked really white and pale. I went straight down to talk with him and I can't remember exactly what he said but he said to me something like "You'll never guess what's

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happened” and I said, “What” I can’t remember exactly what he said then but he told me that he had been pulling cables up over a balcony in another unit so the Fire Department could test the alarms later in the day and a cable got jammed on something so he went to look over to see what it was jammed on and as he looked over he’s gone with it and fell off the first floor. Adrian told me that the balcony railing had not been fixed to the wall and when he leant on the balcony, it gave way.

13. Adrian told me that he was going to the site office to report the injury and said to me “I think I’ve broken my wrist” He also looked really dazed. I decided to go with him to the site office. He saw the site manager, Jeff Simms at the site office and I heard him complain about his wrist being sore and that his back was hurting. I pretty sure that the Jeff Simms took a statement from him at the time. I stayed with him for a few minutes and then went back to the job I was doing tying down the conduit. I’m pretty sure that he then went straight to the doctors because I didn’t see him again that day.
14. I am not certain but it was either the following day or the day after, I went with I think it was Mark to the unit where Adrian had been working and saw that there were no bolt holes in the wall where the railing should have been. The railings should be bolted with 5 main bolts along the bottom and on the sides but from what I can remember I couldn’t see any holes in the floor or walls. I also remember seeing the balcony on the ground in the dirt just off to the side where it had fallen.
15. Adrian is a big boy but even so, those railings should be bolted down as soon as they are put into position.
16. From what I can remember once the balconies were delivered on site they were usually bolted in pretty well straight away. Usually within a couple of days but it all depends if they can get tradesmen in to bolt them down. The balconies are not put into position when they are delivered but laid down on the ground floor until a tradesman takes them upstairs to fit them.

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17. The unit that Adrian was working on was at landscaping stage and I know that the landscapers actually seen Adrian fall off the balcony so if you could get in touch with them they could tell you a lot more about what happened because they were the first ones there. Adrian told me though that as he's fallen off, one of the landscapers said to him "Your lucky mate" because he said his head was right next to a steel picket.
18. I don't remember seeing any signs on any of the units including the one I was working on and the one that Adrian was working on that warned of any loose balconies or anything dangerous like that.
19. I have read this statement and I have nothing further to add or alter. I hereby acknowledge that the above statement has been made of my own free will and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
20. In providing information to Sungo Insurance, I acknowledge and agree that:-
  - I have received a copy of Sungo Insurance Privacy Statement
  - Sungo collects, uses and discloses my personal information in accordance with its Privacy Statement and its Privacy Policy

STATEMENT taken and signature witnessed by James Brown of XYZ Investigations at 20 Brand Way, Windsor, NSW 2567 at 5.30pm 07/12/2005.

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