

NZ Safety Alert

Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

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Conveyor on angle

A plant operator noticed a standalone conveyor appeared to be on an angle. As he drove towards the conveyor to investigate further the conveyor had tipped onto its side.

Due to maintenance on a crusher earlier on, workers had to move the standalone conveyor out of the way to complete this maintenance.

When the workers put the conveyor back into place, they put it on top of dust that had accumulated on the ground, making the conveyor unlevel and unstable.

Pieces of steel were used to level up the footing of the legs.

MinEx data on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 17% (945) of all incidents result from falls, of which 371 resulted from fall of equipment.



You need to ensure that:

- 1. All mobile plant is stable and sitting on level ground, particularly after it has been moved.
- 2. Mobile equipment is maintained in accordance with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) requirements, including legs and stabilising equipment.
- 3. Workplace inspections are conducted regularly covering all operating plant and activities.

Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.