

NZ Safety Alert

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

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Raised loader bucket incidents

A loader was travelling toward the crushing plant with the bucket lifted. It was turning to head into a bin when it hit a concrete block, breaking a grease line on the boom.

No injuries were sustained during this incident.

There have been a number of recent incidents where a lifted loader bucket has affected operator visibility.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 30% (1,649) of all incidents involve vehicles, of which 821 resulted from collision of vehicles.

You need to ensure:

1. Loader buckets are not lifted when the loader is travelling or prior to trucks entering the loading zone, to ensure clear visibility is maintained.
2. All mobile plant operators are trained and assessed as competent to operate individual pieces of mobile equipment.
3. Suitable clear access is available for mobile plant around fixed plant, including bins.

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