

# NZ Safety Alert

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

## Loss of control of truck

A loader was loading material onto a haul truck which the operator thought was parked. While tipping the first bucket into the tray of the truck, the truck started to roll forward.

The loader operator quickly lifted the loader bucket and reversed out of the way. He noticed the truck driver appeared to be distracted doing something in his cabin.

The truck had rolled forward a truck length when the driver realised what had happened and applied the brake.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 30% (1,649 incidents) of all incidents involve vehicles of which 785 resulted from loss of control of a vehicle.

### You need to ensure:

1. All vehicles are fundamentally stable before they are loaded, including that the park brake is activated.
2. Mobile plant training includes ensuring brakes are activated and that no other activities commence until the vehicle is fundamentally stable.
3. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to identify unsafe behaviour and other activities that could put workers at risk of harm.

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