

Macraes worker discharged from hospital after fall

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A worker injured at Macraes gold mine yesterday morning has been discharged from hospital.

The worker fell 5.1 metres from a platform of the processing plant while it was shut for routine maintenance.

A St John Ambulance spokesperson said the injured worker was able to be treated immediately at an on-site St John facility.

Emergency services were also called to the mine and the worker was airlifted to Dunedin Hospital by the Otago Rescue Helicopter, with moderate to serious injuries. They have since been discharged and returned home.

An OceanaGold spokesperson said that mill has remained shut as a precaution while initial enquires were made.

“An investigation is underway to identify how the incident occurred and prevent it from happening again,”

WorkSafe has been notified of the incident and is making initial inquiries.



Common occurrence

Falls rank consistently as one of the most common types of accident at mines and quarries. Health and safety council MinEx has repeatedly said they are also easily preventable.

The most recent statistics compiled by MinEx ranks falls as the single-most common incident during the three months to June, at 22 per cent of incidents reported. This was followed by vehicle collisions (20 per cent) and breaching procedure (17 per cent).

Between July 2017 and June 2018, falls accounted for 23 per cent of incidents reported, slightly less than collisions at 25 per cent.

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