## **NZ Safety Alert**



## Roof blown off in wind event

During a significant wind event, the roof of a material storage bin was blown off. It travelled approximately 60 meters over another shed, hitting power lines and landing on the opposite side of the State Highway. Power was cut to the site and remarkably no-one was injured.

During the same event the front wall of the shed was blown apart and the roof above the crusher, and reclaim tunnel, sustained minor damage.

Severe weather events are becoming more common and represent a serious risk to property and the safety of workers and the public. This event had the potential to seriously injure anyone in the path of flying debris, and/or anyone working on unstable platforms.



## You need to ensure that:

- You have a system to ensure that all buildings and enclosures, including temporary and semipermanent relocatable structures, are adequately designed, sited, constructed and anchored.
- An adequate emergency response and rescue system is in place in case a severe weather event causes injury, entrapment or damage to buildings or infrastructure.
- Everyone on site, including contractors, are made aware of the site's emergency response plan (including location of safe places) and what is expected of them.
- Your site has a process for identifying and warning anyone who could be affected by severe
  weather events and a system for moving people to a place of safety including considerations for
  the evacuation of people from site.
- Regular workplace inspections are conducted to identify plant and structures that may be susceptible to damage from severe weather events.

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

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