

NZ Safety Alert

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

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Vehicle collision near misses

We continue to have too many vehicle collision near misses. The following have occurred in recent months:

- Near miss between a truck and a mechanic testing a forklift. The truck moved to line up better under the hopper and the mechanic has driven the forklift behind the truck thinking he was parked.
- Operator went to fill up a vehicle he did not normally use at fuel station. Pulled up but the fuel tank was on the other side of the vehicle. They went to reverse the ute around to the other side and hit the corner pillar.
- 40t ATD. Operator reversed past two dump trucks, without confirming on the R/T it was clear. They clipped the bonnet of the stationary ATD causing slight damage to bonnet.
- A truck was leaving a clean fill area. On approaching a corner, a concrete truck turned in off the yard and cut off the truck.
- A farmer entered the middle yard the wrong way and against the flow of traffic. The loader driver had to avoid the truck.



You need to ensure that:

1. Traffic control plans are in place to adequately control the flow of traffic on site.
2. Where possible, light vehicles and pedestrians are always separated from heavy machinery.
3. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to identify collision hazards and ensure compliance with traffic management procedures.
4. All workers are trained and assessed as competent in traffic management on site.

MinEx data on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 18 months to Dec 2018 shows that 28% of all incidents (389 incidents) result from vehicle incidents, 45% of which are due to loss of control of a vehicle.

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