

# Safety Alert

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

## Company convicted over conveyor fatality

A company has been convicted after a worker died from being crushed in a conveyor belt accident in Mount Maunganui.

The victim lost his footing whilst trying to step over the running belt and fell. He rolled several times and was dragged underneath the metal frame of a crossing conveyor belt.

A colleague held the victim's head and body in an attempt to stop him from being dragged any further until he was rescued by emergency services.

The victim died from his injuries.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 6 years show 6% of incidents (366 incidents) involve entanglement of which 74 resulted from persons being entangled in plant.

### You need to ensure that:

1. Emergency stop lanyards are installed along all conveyors where there is a risk of someone falling onto the belt.
2. All nip points are guarded, and engineered controls are in place to keep workers away from entanglement hazards.
3. Emergency stops are appropriately located and regularly checked to ensure they are working.
4. No maintenance is conducted on plant while it is running without adequate guarding in place.

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