

Safety Alert

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

Worker fails to lockout plant

A worker at a quarry was using a tool to unblock a cone crusher while the plant was running.

While no one was injured on this occasion, a number of incidents have occurred this year where workers have been caught in moving plant and seriously injured using tools on plant while it was running.

There is no safe way to work on fixed plant while it is still running.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 6 years show 6% of incidents (355 incidents) involve entanglement, of which 68 involved people caught in plant.

You need to ensure that:

1. All workers are trained and competent in isolation procedures and understand why it is important to follow them.
2. All workers have access to their own locks and tags and ensure they isolate all plant before working on it.
3. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to identify unsafe work practices.

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