

Safety Alert

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

Fuel trailer axle snaps

A worker was towing a fuel trailer behind a ute in a quarry when a wheel axle snapped. The ute was travelling at a relatively slow speed and was in an isolated work area.

There was no loss of load, spillage of fuel or additional damage to the trailer or ute.

If this had occurred while towing the trailer at speed or on a public road, this could have been a very significant incident.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 6 years show 29% of incidents (1,877 incidents) involve vehicles of which 906 result from loss of control of a vehicle.

You need to ensure that:

1. Pre-start checks are conducted on all plant prior to being used.
2. All plant is serviced and maintained in accordance with the original equipment manufacturers recommendations.
3. Service intervals on plant that is not used regularly are adjusted to ensure plant is serviced regularly.

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