

Safety Tip

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

Health and safety tip – Falls

Falls including people falling or objects falling on people, are one of the four fatal hazards responsible for 80% of fatalities in the extractives sector, both in New Zealand and internationally.

A number of recent incidents and injuries highlight the risks associated with working at height, walking on unstable ground, entry and exit from mobile equipment, and poor access for maintenance.

For guidance on reducing risks associated with worker exposure to fall hazards, check out the MinEx [Fall hazards in mines and quarries booklet](#).

[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years show 440 incidents resulted in fall of a person.



You need to ensure that:

1. Safe access and exit is available to plant and equipment.
2. Workers maintain three points of contact when entering and exiting mobile equipment.
3. Walkways are clearly identified, maintained, and clear of obstructions.
4. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to identify work areas where there are fall hazards and what, if any, exposure workers have to these hazards.