

Safety Alert

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

Loader catches fire

A front-end loader was loading a truck at a coal loading facility when fire broke out in the engine compartment.

The affected area was watered down, and a fire watch was maintained to prevent the fire escalating into the stockpile areas.

The area was inspected using a drone, and tyres were de-energised for 24 hours after the fire was brought under control.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years show 3% of incidents (205 incidents) involve fire.

You need to ensure that:

1. All mobile plant is maintained in accordance with the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) requirements.
2. When using contractors, their safety systems are checked, and responsibilities are made clear particularly around maintenance tasks.
3. All contracted workers are trained and assessed as competent in all activities they are contracted to carry out.

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