

Safety Alert

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

Plant operated with guards missing

While conducting a quarry workplace inspection, a worker discovered a fixed crushing and screening plant operating while guards were left unlocked and/or removed. Work was stopped immediately, and all plant locked out until all guards were in place.

Damaged guards were repaired and exposure areas were fitted with extra guarding.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years show 6% of incidents (399 incidents) involve entanglement of which 77 incidents involved entanglement of a person.

You need to ensure that:

1. No plant is operated without adequate guarding to eliminate the risk of entanglement.
2. Critical guarding and safety controls are never removed, bypassed, or left unsecured while plant is operating, regardless of production pressures or operational difficulties.
3. Plant prestart inspections are conducted to verify that critical safety controls such as guarding, isolation points, and access gates are all in place.

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