MinEx
Health and Safety in NZ extractives

Safety Alert

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

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Reversing light vehicle hits parked vehicle

Whilst reversing out of the workshop, a ute drove close to, and parallel to, another parked ute.

As the reversing ute then moved forward, the angle he was on caused the moving ute to come in contact with the parked ute causing minor damage to the driver's side front wheel guard.



MinEx statistics on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years shows 28% of incidents (2,143 incidents) involve vehicles of which 1,046 involved collisions of vehicles.

You need to ensure that:

1. All workers are familiar with traffic management rules and procedures, including clear visibility when reversing.
2. When parking, vehicles reverse into the park so that they have clear visibility looking forward as they exit the parking area.
3. All operators of mobile equipment are aware of any other vehicles in the vicinity of their work or parking area.

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