

Safety Alert

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

Rock falls on loader cabin

A loader was cleaning up an area underground. As the loader was reversing, the operator heard a loud bang and noticed that a large amount of rock had fallen onto the cabin.

The operator smashed the rear window with his elbow to escape, as his initial thought was that rock was covering the emergency exit window. He then called the shift supervisor.

No one was injured in the incident.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years show 15% of incidents (1,138 incidents) involved falls of which 277 involved fall of ground.

You need to ensure that:

1. Regular site inspections for ground instability are conducted, particularly in areas being rehabilitated.
2. You conduct a site assessment of geology and potential geotechnical issues to identify potential ground instability issues.
3. All workers are trained to identify potential ground instability.

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