

Safety Alert

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

Rock on road near quarry entrance

Early one morning, a truck driver spotted a rock on the entrance road to a quarry. The quarry manager was notified and organised to retrieve the 12cm diameter rock from the road.

In January 2024, over a 17-working day period, there were 34 occasions that rocks had been reported in duals of trucks leaving the quarry.

Such rocks present a travel hazard for other road users.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 6 years show 16% of incidents (1,007 incidents) involve falls of which 231 result from fall of ground.

You need to ensure that:

1. You require truck drivers to check the dual tyres on their trucks for rocks that may be caught in them prior to leaving site.
2. Haul roads are maintained to reduce the chance of rocks being caught in duals on trucks.
3. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to ensure checks such as rocks caught in tyres are being conducted.

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