

Safety Alert

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

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Tip truck roll-over

A customer arrived at a quarry to unload clean fill; mainly topsoil. He was instructed to back in and tip off onto the existing clean fill stockpile.

For an unknown reason, the customer reversed parallel to the stockpile to tip off rather than reverse into the stockpile. As the truck body was lifted to begin tipping, some wet material got hung up in the body.

The customer drove forward a couple of metres with the body up to try to release the stuck material. This placed the left rear wheels of the trailer on some loose stockpile material, causing the trailer to become unbalanced and tip-over.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 6 years show 27% of incidents (1,877 incidents) involve vehicles of which 906 involve loss of control of a vehicle.

You need to ensure that:

1. Operators, including contractors, are trained and assessed as competent to operate mobile equipment. This needs to include model/equipment specific training and assessment.
2. Contractor management processes include verification of training and competency of operators.
3. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to identify unsafe behaviour and other activities that could put workers at risk of harm.

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