

Safety Alert

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

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Worker almost hit by dump truck

A digger was loading an articulated dump truck. The digger operator required a lift in the dump truck to smoko, so they exited the cabin and walked toward the dump truck.

As he was about to climb the access ladder, the dump truck horn sounded, and the truck began to move downhill. The digger operator narrowly avoided being run over by stepping hard up against the wall as the rear wheels passed very close to him.

No one was injured in the incident.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years show 29% of incidents (2,107 incidents) involved vehicles of which 49 involved people being hit by vehicles.

You need to ensure that:

1. Positive communication is used between plant operators working together to identify the actions of each machine.
2. There is clear verbal communication when approaching an operating mobile plant.
3. All mobile plant stops operating when there is someone on foot in the work area.

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