

Safety Alert

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

Worker injured exiting truck

A worker was dismounting a dump truck to get into the excavator when a rock under his right foot moved, causing him to roll his ankle.

The incident highlights risks associated with unstable ground during routine plant access, compounded by role overlap that introduced non-routine hazards.

Normalisation of uneven footing reduced risk awareness, and continued work after injury suggests the need for clearer expectations around injury response and stopping work.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years show 15% of incidents (1,110 incidents) involved falls of which 440 resulted from fall of a person.

You need to ensure that:

1. Workers always maintain three points of contact when climbing up and down a ladder.
2. There is a good solid base that is clear of loose rocks under all ladders when exiting the vehicle.
3. Where fitted, ladder extenders are used to reduce the distance to the ground from the bottom step.

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