

Safety Alert

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

Worker injured when screen mesh falls

A quarry worker was accessing new screen mesh for a screen. As he held the screen mesh, he stepped back and tripped.

The mesh dropped onto his foot resulting in a bad ankle sprain and several weeks off work.

The screens were not being stored in the correct racking system available at the site.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years show 15% of incidents (1,110 incidents) involve falls of which 403 incidents involved fall of equipment.

You need to ensure that:

1. Suitable racks for storing screen mesh are available on site and used to store all screen mesh.
2. Good manual handling practices are used including two-person lifts, and/or mechanical lifting equipment to ensure all lifts are carried out safely.
3. Working areas are kept free of obstructions and trip hazards so that work can be conducted safely.

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