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Safety Alert

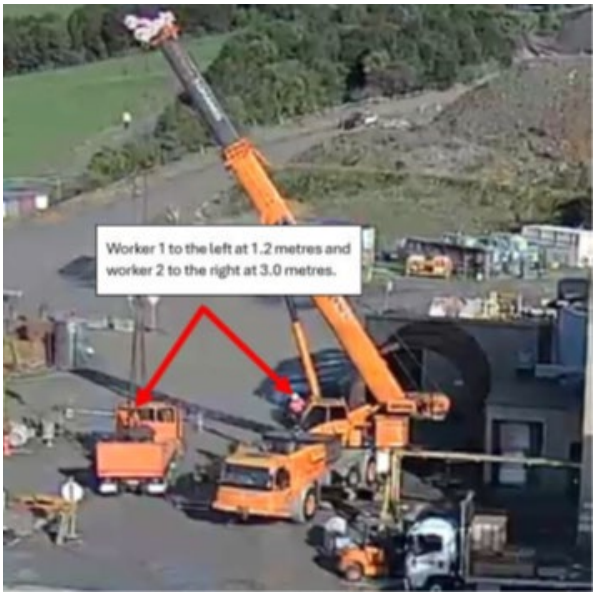
Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

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Working at height breach

During the setup of a crane on site, a contractor was observed on top of the counterweights without fall protection.

The worker was within two metres of an unprotected edge, exposing himself to a potential three-metre fall to the ground.



MinEx statistics on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years shows 15% of incidents (1,164 incidents) involve falls of which 471 involved fall of a person.

You need to ensure that:

1. Regular supervision of contractors is conducted to verify that they are complying with your safety management system requirements.
2. All workers, including contractors, are trained and assessed as competent to work at heights.
3. Adequate controls to prevent falls from height are in place before conducting any working at heights task.

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