

NZ Safety Alert

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

Trucks slide in wet conditions

The onset of wet wintry conditions is a stark reminder to all operators of mobile equipment to drive to the conditions.

A number of "loss of control" incidents have been reported recently where vehicles have slid on wet haul roads. Two of these involving ADT's occurred at the same site.

None of these incidents have resulted in serious injury or plant damage, however, each could have resulted in serious injury or fatality.



MinEx data on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 30 months to Dec 2019 show 30% of all incidents (763 incidents) involve vehicles, 316 of which involve loss of control of a vehicle.

You need to ensure that:

1. You regularly inspect haul roads, particularly after severe weather events, to ensure they are safe to use.
2. You train operators of mobile plant and regularly assess them as competent to operate plant, particularly in wet and severe weather conditions.
3. Regularly risk assess the operation of heavy machinery on all roads and do not use them when it is unsafe to do so.

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