

NZ Safety Alert

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

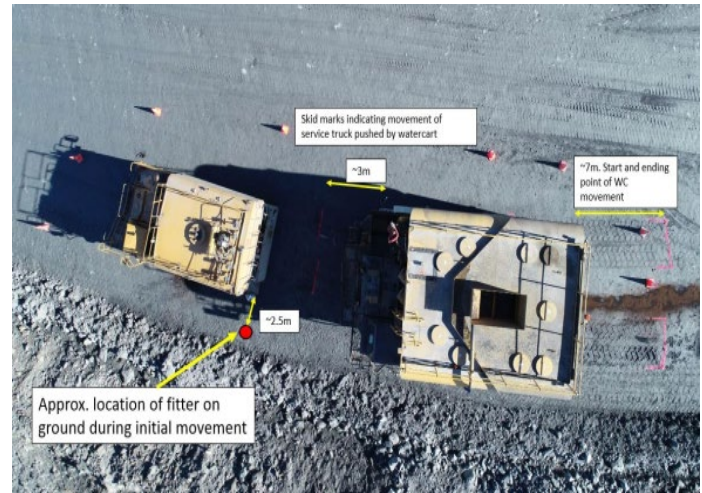
Water Cart hits service vehicle

A water cart had broken down on a ramp and repairs had been completed on it. The service truck was positioned in front of the water cart.

The wheel chocks were removed from the water cart and the machine was started by the operator who was standing on the catwalk waiting for the service truck to move away.

The service truck operator was standing beside the service truck when the water cart started to move toward the vehicle.

The water cart travelled approximately 7 metres and made contact with the rear of the service truck, pushing it approximately 3 metres before stopping completely.



You need to ensure that:

1. Vehicles are fundamentally stable when parked and/or being worked on.
2. Safe work procedures and risk assessments consider controls when working on vehicles parked on uneven surfaces or where there is potential for uncontrolled movement.
3. Unless involved in the specific task, all persons are well clear of mobile equipment when it is being moved or worked on for maintenance.
4. All mobile plant is maintained in accordance with Original Equipment Manufacturer requirements.
5. Workers are trained and assessed as competent to operate mobile equipment.

MinEx data on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 27 months to Sept 2019 shows that 30% of all incidents (700 incidents) involve vehicles of which 275 incidents result from loss of control of a vehicle.

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