

NZ Safety Alert

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

Notify WorkSafe of blasting

The Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017 require mines and quarries to make various notifications to WorkSafe about the use of hazardous substances, including explosives. The following relates to the use of explosives:

9.28 Duty of PCBU who directs detonation or deflagration

At least 3 working days before the first firing occurs at the place, the PCBU who directs the carrying out of the detonation or deflagration must —

- a) notify WorkSafe of the place where the firing is to occur, the date of the firing, and the time and number of firings; and
- b) if regular firings are to occur at the place, notify WorkSafe of the likely frequency of firings per year, and at 12-monthly intervals confirm or modify the notification; and
- c) give WorkSafe sufficient information to enable an inspector to contact the PCBU who directs the detonation and deflagration and the certified handler during normal business hours.



You need to ensure that:

1. You notify WorkSafe of your intention to use explosives at least 3 days before your first shot.
2. Each year you notify WorkSafe of approximately how regularly you intend blasting, together with:
 - the name and details of the manager in charge
 - the name and details of your shotfirer.

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