

NZ Safety Alert

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

Another breach of procedure

An articulated dump truck passed through a loader exclusion zone while a loader was loading a truck.

The exclusion zone was not well defined, and the ADT operator failed to communicate with the loader operator per documented procedures.

Though no one was injured, the potential for a serious incident was high.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 5 years to September 2022 show 15% (759) of all incidents involve breach of a procedure. Between July and September 2022, 31% of incidents reported to MinEx were a result of breach of a procedure.

You need to ensure to:

1. That safe work procedures (SWPs) are based on risk assessment and developed by the workers who use them, reflecting how work is done.
2. All workers are trained and assessed as competent in SWPs that they are expected to follow.
3. SWPs are kept up-to-date and are always readily available to workers.
4. SWPs are written in such a way that they are easily understood by all workers.

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