

NZ Safety Alert

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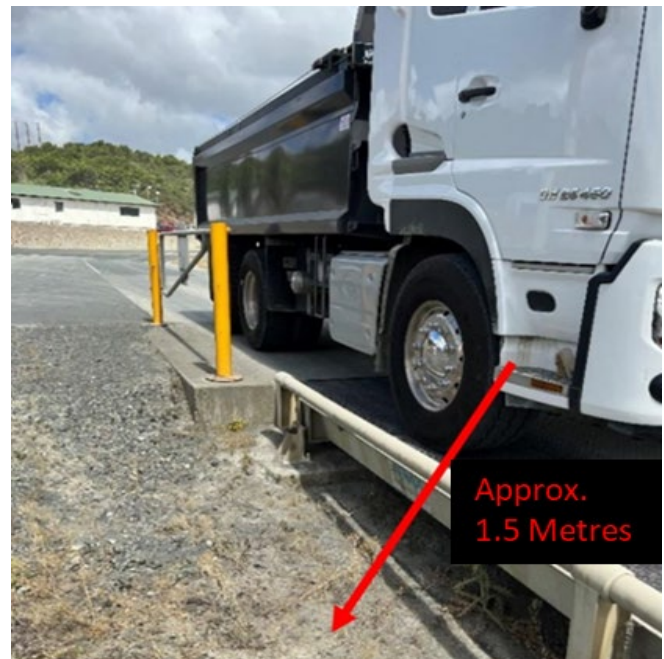
Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

Worker falls exiting truck

A customer truck partially entered onto a quarry weighbridge whilst the truck ahead was still being weighed, therefore the forward truck could not be weighed correctly.

The driver of the rear truck was asked to reverse off and in doing so he contacted the truck behind him. The driver got out of the vehicle to inspect the damage and fell feet first approximately 1.5 metres to the ground.

Quarry staff attended to the driver and emergency services were called. The driver was taken home by their company representative after the paramedics assessed him with minor injuries.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 4 years to Dec 2021 show 16% (728) of all incidents involved falls, and 7% (307) involved fall of a person.

You need to ensure that:

1. Where practical, trucks drive onto and off weighbridges travelling in a forward direction (no reversing). This may require them to complete a loop back onto the weighbridge.
2. All workers, including contractors and customers, understand and follow safe work procedures.
3. Clear signage states "One Truck on Weighbridge ONLY".

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