

NZ Safety Alert

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

Ensure you follow procedures!

Recent data shows a continual increase in the number of incidents resulting from failure of workers to follow procedures.

These incidents typically result from organisations' failure to:

- Involve workers in development of procedures
- Provide adequate training
- Ensure procedures reflect how the job is done
- Keep procedures up-to-date
- Provide adequate supervision
- Address production pressures
- Manage fatigue and other human factors

Workers don't breach procedures to hurt themselves or others!



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 15% (816 incidents) of all incidents result from breach of a procedure.

You need to ensure:

1. You review the relevance and adequacy of procedures, how they are communicated, that they are up-to-date.
2. Adequate direct supervision is always provided.

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