

NZ Safety Alert

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

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Loader collides with light vehicle

A contractor entered a quarry to check the scales on a loader. A worker called on the radio to let the loader operator know that the contractor was heading over to the stockyard.

The contractor parked next to an aggregate stockpile facing away from the loader. The loader got a call to load a truck and trailer from an adjoining stockpile, and as he reversed, the loader collided with the contractor's light vehicle.

The collision caused damage to the back corner of the ute and smashed the rear window. There were no injuries.



MinEx data on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 39 months to Sept 2020 show 29% of all incidents (964 incidents) involve vehicles, of which 16% (511 incidents) involved vehicle collisions.

You need to ensure that:

1. Where possible, heavy vehicles are separated from light vehicles in working areas.
2. All heavy vehicles stop when light vehicles enter their work areas, and don't commence work until light vehicles have left the area.
3. Designated parking areas are used for light vehicles on site.

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