

# NZ Safety Alert

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

## Failure to isolate conveyors

During an inspection of the plant, a worker noticed that several conveyors were stopped and guarding removed. None of the 4 conveyors had an isolation padlock on their isolation point.

Contractors had completed some welding and fitting of conveyor skirting. When they completed their work, they removed their padlocks.

There was no plant operator or supervisor padlock on the isolators. Workers had recently received isolation procedure refresher training.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 57 months to Mar 2022 show 13% (612) of all incidents involved a breach of procedure.

### You need to ensure that:

1. Isolation points are easily accessible, and that isolating plant is simple for workers to complete.
2. All workers understand and follow isolation procedures, and regular refresher training is carried out.
3. Workplace inspections include behaviour and task identification to ensure tasks are carried out safely and as designed.

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