

## Man falls from makeshift step

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A quarry worker was using an old steel box, on unstable ground, to access a generator trailer. When he stepped down onto the box from the generator the box rocked and he fell. The worker was lucky to avoid surgery but endured 6-8 weeks of treatment and rehabilitation.

Falls, including people falling or objects falling on people, is one of the four fatal hazards that result in 80% of fatalities in the extractives sector, both in New Zealand and internationally. Falls tops the list ahead of collisions, entanglement, and pressure release.

We recommend that all sites review tasks that cannot be completed on solid ground, pedestrian access around plant, and any working at height activities. You need to ensure that:



- **There is safe and adequate access to all areas of the plant where maintenance is carried out**
- **Fit for purpose working platforms, walkways and ladder ways, and other plant used to access areas of the plant, are available at all times**
- **Access to, and egress from mobile equipment is safe, fit for purpose, and meets relevant standards**
- **Risk assessments are completed on all non-routine tasks to ensure that hazards are identified, risks assessed and effective controls are put in place**
- **Regular workplace inspections are conducted to ensure that risk controls are in place and are effective**
- **All workers are trained, and regularly re-trained, in correct use of working platforms, ladder ways etc., including maintaining three points of contacts.**

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

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