

NZ Safety Alert

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

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Heavy vehicle runs over light vehicle

A maintenance fitter in a light vehicle (LV) arrived at the v-drain area to conduct maintenance activities on a haul truck.

Two dump trucks were parked on the v-drain for lunch break, with one of the drivers taking their crib break in the cab of the machine.

The fitter parked the LV in front of both trucks. While he was working in the cabin of one truck, the operator of the second truck finished their break, started up the truck and proceeded to drive in a forward direction driving over the rear tray of the LV.

There were no injuries sustained in the incident but the LV had extensive damage.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm show 30% (1,284) of all incidents involve vehicles, of which 668 incidents resulted from vehicle collisions.

You need to ensure that:

1. Where possible you always maintain separation between heavy vehicles and light vehicles.
2. You have clearly designated parking areas for light vehicles in working areas.
3. You limit access to work areas for light vehicles whilst heavy vehicles are operating.
4. Workers are aware of the hazards associated with interaction with heavy vehicles.

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