

NZ Safety Alert

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

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Ute backs into loader bucket

A loader operator needed to speak to the quarry manager about the weighing system on his loader. He called the manager on the RT and when the manager arrived, the operator parked his loader behind the manager's ute and exited the loader to speak with him.

Once the conversation was completed the manager reversed his ute into the parked loader, contacting the cutting edge on the loader bucket. There was minor damage to the ute.



MinEx data on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 51 months to Sept 2021 show 30% of all incidents (1284 incidents) involve mobile plant, of which 688 are a result of vehicle collisions.

You need to ensure that:

1. A Traffic Management Plan for your site addresses appropriate parking areas, particularly within work areas.
2. You do not park any vehicles near operating mobile plant.
3. Where practical, separate light vehicles from heavy vehicles, particularly in work areas.

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