

# NZ Safety Alert

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

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## Strong wind damages shed

Winds in excess of 150 km/hr caused damage to a roof and fencing, which resulted in the loss of consumables at a workshop.

New Zealand's weather is shaped by the ocean swirling around us, the breath of Antarctica blowing north, cyclones spinning down from the tropics, the mountainous seams that stitch together, the wet west and drought-prone east coasts.

Spring and summer see an increase in severe weather events and when wild weather hits, it hits hard.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 51 months to Sept 2021 show 16% of all incidents (694 incidents) involve a fall, of which 233 are a result of fall of equipment.

### You need to ensure that:

1. All buildings and plant are appropriately built and secured to avoid damage and objects flying during severe weather events.
2. When the site is not occupied, plant and conveyors etc. are tied down or stable enough to avoid damage in severe weather.
3. All loose items, tools etc. are securely stored prior to vacating sites or before severe weather events.

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