

# NZ Safety Alert

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

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## Collision between loader and truck

A loader operator was feeding the primary crusher with river-run whilst another operator loaded a road truck (and trailer) with crusher dust. After the road truck was loaded, it proceeded to stop at the fixed plant area where a hose was used to wet the crusher dust, as the truck did not have a cover for the load.

When coming down the ramp to collect more product, the loader operator feeding the primary crusher did not see the truck behind the loader and collided with the truck.

No-one sustained any injuries, however there was damage to the truck.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 5 years to June 2022 show 30% (1,487) of all incidents involve vehicles, of which 756 involved vehicle collisions.

### You need to ensure that:

1. There are clearly signposted areas where delivery trucks can hose down or cover loads away from loader working areas.
2. Where practical, proximity detection devices or warnings are used to alert loader operators of people and vehicles they cannot see in work areas.
3. You review work practices and procedures to eliminate, where possible, people from work areas.

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