

# NZ Safety Alert

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

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## Worker injured during screen change

Three workers were changing a screen mesh inside a mobile screen. Worker A was inside the screen box supporting the bottom end of the screen whilst worker B was at the opposite end prying the screen out of the seat rail the mesh sits in.

As worker B pried the screen forward out of the seat, the end worker A was supporting slipped off the screen tube causing him to fall forward and knock his head, which resulted in him breaking his nose on the steel cross bar in the screen.



### You need to ensure that:

1. Hazards associated with all maintenance tasks are identified in risk assessments, and adequate and effective controls are in place to ensure no-one is exposed to the hazards identified.
2. Workers are trained and competent in safe manual handling and lifting methods.
3. You review access, egress and work areas when conducting maintenance tasks particularly at height and in confined spaces.

[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 5 years to June 2022 show 16% (813) of all incidents result from falls, of which 331 involved fall of a person.

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