

# NZ Safety Alert

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

## Pinched finger in cabin door

A quarry worker who was operating mobile equipment had his left index finger pinched, when the unsecured cabin door closed. This required surgery to remove the tip of the crushed finger.

Placing hands, fingers, or thumbs in areas where pinch point hazards exist can lead to serious injuries.

This may seem like “common-sense”, but vehicles and other heavy doors will always have pinch point hazards present, therefore it is important to always keep your fingers clear, avoid distractions, use the latch mechanism, or keep the door closed.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 15% of incidents (874 incidents) have resulted in occupational injury.

### You need to ensure that:

1. Where practicable, always operate mobile equipment with the cabin door closed.
2. When cabin doors are open, they are latched securely.
3. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to identify pinch point hazards and ensure adequate controls are in place.

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