

# NZ Safety Alert

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

## Potential fall from height incident

A mechanic was working on the bonnet of a Komatsu 275 bulldozer without wearing any fall protection equipment (harness) or without any edge protection to protect him from a potential fall of 2.8 metres.

Serious injuries have occurred in the extractives sector as a result of falls from plant and equipment during maintenance.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 16% of incidents (963 incidents) result from falls of which 368 incidents resulted from fall of a person.

### You need to ensure that:

1. Appropriate controls are in place to protect workers from falls when working at height such as fall barriers, working platforms, harnesses etc.
2. Risk assessments and safe operating procedures identify what controls are to be in place before commencing work at height.
3. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to identify fall hazards including during maintenance.

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