

NZ Safety Alert

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

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Rock hits front of truck

A digger operator was digging soil out of the side of a hill and loading it onto a dump truck.

As the bucket slewed around to empty into the dump truck, a rock dislodged from the contents of the bucket.

The rock bounced onto the roof of the dump truck and then onto the bonnet, before landing on the ground in front of the truck.

No one was injured however there was damage to the dump truck.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 17% of incidents (945 incidents) result from falls, of which 213 result from fall of ground.

You need to ensure that:

1. When excavating material, large rocks or other unusual material is identified and safely removed from the face or stockpile.
2. Operators maintain clear visibility when loading or excavating material, taking into consideration potential impediment from the sun or weather events.
3. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to verify that work is being conducted safely.

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