

# NZ Safety Alert

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

## Trailer stands used incorrectly

There have been two recent incidents where truck bin safety stands have been used incorrectly to support a fully loaded truck bin, whereas these are only designed to be used with empty bins. Both incidents resulted in damage to the truck only.

In a third incident, a person was about to support the loaded bin with the stand and then proceed to work under the bin on the lights' wiring beneath the bin. If the bin stand failed in this instance, it could have had catastrophic consequences.

Bin stands are not only used on truck and trailer units, but are also common on dump trucks, loaders etc. and is commonly used at workshops as an added safety feature when work needs to be done under bins.

[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 5 years to June 2022 show 16% (813) of all incidents involved falls, of which 294 involved fall of equipment.



### You need to ensure that:

1. Bin stands are only used for empty bins.
2. No-one works under plant that is not securely stable and is not able to move or fall.
3. Fit for purpose stands and supports are used to secure all plant prior to maintenance.
4. All workers are trained and competent to use all plant and equipment.

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