

NZ Safety Alert

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

NZ workplace fatalities

There have been 771 workplace deaths in New Zealand since 2011, which is of course far too high.

Here's the top 5 workplace deaths by type (excluding the Christchurch Earthquake):

- **Trucks/Utes** **126**
- **Quad Bikes** **56**
- **Hit by falling objects** **53**
- **Falls** **50**
- **Trapped between moving and stationary objects** **41**

Excluding the White Island eruption, 87 people died at work in 2019, which is totally unacceptable.

More details can be found on the WorkSafe website:
<https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/about-us/news-and-media/>



You need to ensure that:

1. Effective risk assessment processes are applied to identify fatal hazards at your site and implement adequate controls to protect workers from harm.
2. You engage with your workers and ensure they are trained and competent to carry out tasks safely.
3. Plant and equipment is fit-for-purpose and operated in accordance with Original Equipment Manufacturers requirements.

MinEx data on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 36 months to June 2020 show 30% of all incidents (907 incidents) involve vehicles and 17% (513 incidents) involve falls.

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