

Safety Alert

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

Item falls during maintenance

During the scheduled change-out of a drill cooler pack, the maintenance crew have set up the cooler pack on the forklift tines and secured it using a restraining strap, shackle and bolt. Whilst restrained, additional components were fitted to the cooler, and checks completed in preparation for installation.

As the forklift approached the drill, the base of the cooling package moved on the fork tines, resulting in the whole package moving in an uncontrolled manner from the fork tines.

The pack contacted the rear of the drill and caused minor damage to the fan shroud. The uncontrolled movement of the cooler pack had potential to make contact with a spotter who was in close proximity at the time of the incident.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 16% of incidents (979 incidents) result from falls of which 377 result from fall of equipment.

You need to ensure that:

1. All loads are adequately secured while preparing them for installation.
2. No one is in the vicinity of equipment while it is being lifted or manoeuvred into position.
3. All risks associated with manoeuvring and securing parts during maintenance are identified and adequately.

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