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Health and Safety in NZ extractives

Safety Alert

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

Boat capsizes in pond

Two workers at a quarry were in a small boat fixing a pump around a pontoon in a pond, when the boat capsized throwing the two workers into the water.

The workers were able to remove themselves from the pond and no-one was injured.



MinEx statistics on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years shows 28% of incidents (2,143 incidents) involve vehicles, of which 1,046 involved loss of control of a vehicle.

You need to ensure that:

1. When working on or near water, controls are in place to ensure workers do not fall into the water.
2. Life jackets or other life saving devices are worn when working on or near water.
3. A risk assessment is conducted before commencing any irregular task.
4. All workers are trained and assessed as competent to conduct all tasks, particularly those tasks that are not conducted regularly.

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