

NZ Safety Alert

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

Fatal loss of control of vehicle

An ADT dump truck operating in a quarry left the haul road and fell approximately 12 metres landing on the quarry bench below, fatally injuring the driver.

This tragic incident should be a stark reminder to us all, of the hazards associated with the operation of mobile equipment.

Please ensure you review the operation of mobile equipment at your site, and effectiveness of risk controls around any activity involving mobile equipment.



You need to ensure that:

1. All workers are trained and competent to operate machinery prior to use with follow up assessments to ensure knowledge is gained and understood.
2. Equipment is operated in accordance with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) requirements.
3. Appropriate edge protection is installed on all haul roads in accordance with WorkSafe's [Health and Safety at Opencast Mines, Alluvial Mines and Quarries, November 2015, Good Practice Guidelines](#)
4. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to identify areas where edge protection is inadequate, and other activities that could put workers at risk of harm.

MinEx data on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 30 months to Dec 2019 show 30% of all incidents (763 incidents) involve vehicles, 316 of which result from a loss of control of a vehicle.

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