

Truck body rolls while tipping

The operator of an articulated dump truck was tipping overburden in a quarry when he backed up onto a slight rise and the body of the truck rolled onto its side. The cabin remained upright and the operator was not injured as he was wearing his seatbelt.



The quarterly safety statistics collected by MinEx for the last quarter of 2017 contain a large number of vehicle loss of control and collision incidents.

Falls, including people falling or objects falling on people, is one of the four fatal hazards that result in 80% of fatalities in the extractives sector, both in New Zealand and internationally. Falls tops the list ahead of collisions, entanglement, and pressure release.

We recommend that all sites review tasks that involve the use of mobile equipment, particularly on uneven, unstable or wet ground. You need to ensure that:

- **Operators are trained and competent to operate the equipment.**
- **Particular care is taken when operating fully articulated vehicles on cross slopes.**
- **Speed is reduced to match the conditions, particularly following wet weather.**
- **Take particular care when operating the vehicle as a water cart. Check the tank has baffles.**
- **Vehicles are not overloaded.**

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

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