

# NZ Safety Alert

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

## Crushed finger injury

An Integrated Tool Carrier (IT) operator was in the process of loading a pallet at the batch plant using a forklift attachment. The tines on the attachment required adjusting as both were positioned to one side of the frame.

In the process of repositioning, the operator pushed the tine across to the centre of the frame where it has released through a slot and swung forward, crushing the operator's finger between the top of the tine and frame, resulting in a deep laceration to the right-hand ring finger.

We have seen a steady increase in occupational injury events over the past two years.



MinEx data on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 33 months to Mar 2020 show 13% of all incidents (365 incidents) result in occupational injury.

### You need to ensure that:

1. Where equipment crush or entrapment hazards exist, all plant is isolated prior to commencing work on it.
2. Maintenance is always conducted in accordance with Original Equipment Manufacturers specifications.
3. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to check equipment and to ensure procedures are being followed.
4. PPE is checked to ensure it is appropriate for the task being conducted.