

# NZ Safety Alert

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

## Uncontrolled movement of loader

A front-end loader drove up a ramp on a stockpile. The loader was on a soft edge as he backed down, so he stopped immediately and asked for help.

The operator had recently commenced employment at the site, had previous loader experience, and was signed off as competent on the loader after observation and training.

A 2020 report on fatalities in the mining and quarrying sector in Queensland, Australia, over the past 20 years identified that training and competency was a contributing factor in two thirds of the fatalities.

MinEx data on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 45 months to Mar 2021 show 30% of all incidents (1,116 incidents) involve vehicles, of which 13% (485 incidents) involved loss of control of a vehicle.



### You need to ensure that:

1. Operators are trained and assessed as competent to operate mobile equipment. This needs to include model/equipment specific training and assessment.
2. Ongoing training and assessment occur when the task, environment and/or machine changes.
3. Training material is reviewed to ensure all tasks, safety features, maintenance requirements are included.

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