

NZ Safety Alert

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

Worker falls during maintenance

A worker was changing the air filter on a Jaw Crusher. Instead of using the work platform, the worker climbed up onto the tracks of the crusher to remove the filter.

As he attempted to step down off the tracks his bootlace got caught in the track and he fell to the ground landing on the filter.

He sustained a sprained rib.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 4 years to Sept 2021 show 16% (694) of all incidents involved falls, and 7% (298) involved fall of a person.

You need to ensure that:

1. Fit for purpose, and appropriate equipment is used at all times, including during maintenance.
2. All workers understand and follow safe work procedures.
3. Workplace inspections include behaviour and task identification to ensure tasks are carried out safely and as designed.

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