

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

Excavator roll-over

An operator was using a 35t excavator to clear a rock that had become caught in the track of a 20t rock breaker, which he was also operating in an area of hard rock.

The 35t excavator slid sideways off the rib of rock and rolled onto its side.

The operator had been moving between the two machines and was not injured in the incident.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 4 years to Dec 2021, shows 30% (1,353) of all incidents involve vehicles, with 618 incidents resulting from loss of control of a vehicle.

You need to ensure that:

1. Operators moving between machines are familiar with the different track frames and centre of gravity (stability) characteristics of each machine.
2. Excavators are always operated on competent, compacted material and pads are at least 1.5 times the width of the tracks.
3. Operators of mobile equipment are trained and assessed as competent on each piece of equipment.

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