

NZ Safety Alert

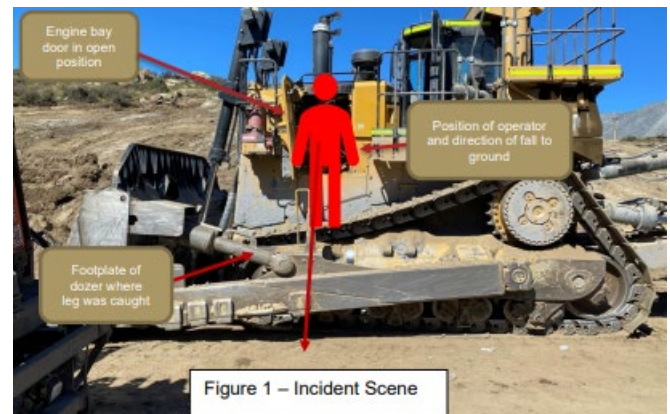
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Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

Fall from dozer

A dozer was stripping topsoil and ceased operations so that the radiators and intercooler could be cleared out from accumulated dust.

The operator was dismounting from the machine and opened the engine bay door. As the door was opened, he fell backwards and caught his leg on a footplate before landing on his back on the ground. He sustained a serious laceration to the left calf muscle requiring admission to hospital and corrective surgery. Injuries were also sustained to a shoulder and ribs.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 4 years to Dec 2021 shows 16% (728) of all incidents involve falls, with 307 incidents resulting from fall of a person.

You need to ensure that:

1. Access and egress on mobile plant is fit-for-purpose to ensure workers are not injured climbing onto and off machines.
2. Fall hazards such as trip hazards and areas where workers can fall from height are identified in risk assessments, and adequate and effective controls are in place to ensure no-one is exposed to the fall hazards identified.

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