

Safety Advisory Notice

Target audience: All CentrePort staff & Contractors

Incident: Unauthorised Use of Heavy Plant

In recent days Port Security intervened and stopped a member of the public who had accessed and began attempts to operate a half-loader parked next to Shed 39. While no damage resulted, the incident highlighted the potential for unauthorised persons gaining access to and using heavy plant and machinery. The investigation identified the machine had been dropped off to CentrePort by a hire company, and as per normal practice, the hire company had left the keys in the machine for the contractor.

This incident has highlighted the potential risk for unauthorised use of plant and equipment by third parties when stored outside CentrePort security gates. This is further supported by recent community criminal events in which common fleet keys have been used to access heavy plant and machinery e.g. diggers, to commit burglaries and other crime.



Actions required:

To manage this risk it is important to:

- ✓ Ensure appropriate steps are taken to prevent unauthorised access to heavy plant and machinery by third party members, this includes plant from hire service providers being delivered to or collected from CentrePort land and worksites.
- ✓ Apply practicable lock out controls to prevent unauthorised use of heavy plant and equipment e.g. battery isolators, key locks, or other systems etc. where heavy plant and equipment is stored outside CentrePort secure areas.
- ✓ Ensure that if third party heavy plant and equipment cannot be isolated or secured, it should not be left on CentrePort land or worksites.



ACT – to prevent unauthorised access and use of equipment and plant.

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