

NZ Safety Alert

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

Failure to follow lockout procedure

A quarry worker finished clearing spillage from around the primary feeder. The plant operator went to restart the crusher but did not give verbal warning of his intention to start the plant.

As the feeder started some overspill rock fell and could have landed on the other worker, if not for the reaction of a third worker who deflected the overspill rock back onto the feeder.

No workers were injured by spillage rock.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 5 years to June 2022 show 13% (706) of all incidents involved a breach of procedure as the primary cause.

You need to ensure that:

1. All workers are removed from areas of moving plant before starting up after repairs/maintenance.
2. All operators lock out plant prior to working on plant. Isolation points are easily accessible, and that isolating plant is simple for workers to complete.
3. All workers understand and follow isolation procedures, and regular refresher training is carried out.

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