

NZ Safety Alert

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

Uncontrolled movement of tip truck

A customer was entering the quarry to pick up a load when he stopped to visit the bathroom. He parked the vehicle on the edge of the haul road, turned it off and pulled up the handbrake.

Upon his return, the vehicle had travelled approximately 75m across the road, and stopped against the bushes on the opposite side of the road.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 5 years to September 2022 show 30% (1,597) of all incidents involve vehicles, of which 756 resulted from loss of control of a vehicle.

You need to ensure that:

1. All vehicles are fundamentally stable when parked including bunds, trenches or chocks as additional controls, should the brakes fail.
2. Designated parking areas are available, that restrict the interaction of light vehicles with heavy vehicles on site.
3. All visitors to site are aware of designated parking areas, and requirements to check the stability of the vehicle prior to exiting it.

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