

NZ Safety Alert

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

Collision of dump truck and loader

A dump truck operator was positioning himself to get loaded by a loader. The loader bucket was already lifted as the dump truck approached.

Being on the offside, the dump truck operator misjudged the distance and connected with the loader bucket.

The loader operator brought the bucket down to correct its centre of gravity and prevent it from being pushed over. In doing so, it damaged the side rail and mirrors of the dump truck.

No injuries were sustained during this incident.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 30% (1,595) of all incidents involve vehicles, of which 756 resulted from collision of vehicles.

You need to ensure:

1. Loader buckets are not lifted prior to trucks entering the loading zone, to ensure clear visibility is maintained.
2. Positive communication is maintained at all times in mobile plant operating areas.
3. Where possible, vehicles enter working areas from a direction that maintains clear visibility, i.e. operator side of vehicle closest to other operating equipment.

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