

NZ Safety Alert

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

Failure to lower safety legs

A fitter was working on a mobile crusher in the workshop and lowered the front belt to make it easier for fitters to work on it.

The fitter had lowered the legs earlier but when he shifted the machine into the shed out of rain, he forgot to put the legs down again as he got distracted doing other work resulting in the belt frame collapsing.

While no-one was injured this could have seriously injured the contractor working on the belt.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 17% (945 incidents) of all incidents involve falls of which 371 resulted from fall of equipment.

You need to ensure:

1. No-one works near or under a suspended load that is not adequately secured to prevent it from falling.
2. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to identify unsafe behaviour and other activities that could put workers at risk of harm.
3. All mobile equipment is maintained in accordance with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) requirements, including use of all safety equipment.

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