

NZ Safety Alert

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

Potential collision avoided

A small truck entered the trailer loading area in a quarry to get a 1t load of material. The truck parked to one side of the road and waited for the loader.

The loader proceeded to get a bucket of material from the stockpile and moved in front of the truck to do so.

As the loader began to reverse the small truck drove directly behind the loader and parked ready for the load.

The loader had to suddenly brake to avoid contact with the small truck.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 30% of incidents (1,784 incidents) involve vehicles of which 870 involved collisions of vehicles.

You need to ensure that:

1. Where practicable, provide designated parking or waiting areas for trucks in loading areas.
2. Two-way communication is maintained at all times when mobile plant is operating in work areas.
3. Mobile plant operators maintain visibility with other vehicles and pedestrians in work areas.
4. Traffic Management Plans are developed and communicated to everyone on site including customers.

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