

Uncontrolled movement of vehicle

A mine light vehicle was being serviced over a pit. The handbrake was not applied and wheel chocks were not used. As a wheel was turned to access a bolt, the light vehicle moved forward into the pit. A worker who was sitting in the ute got his foot caught between the door and the edge of the pit. He sustained bruising to his foot.

MinEx data on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the twelve months to June 2018 shows that 10% of all incidents (114 incidents) result from the loss of control of a vehicle.



Collisions are a major cause of fatalities in the extractives sector, both in New Zealand and internationally.

You need to ensure that:

1. **A physical barrier is installed around the edge of any in-ground pit to reduce the risk of vehicles turning into the pit.**
2. **Adequate and effective controls are in place to ensure no-one is exposed to the hazards associated with loss of control of a vehicle.**
3. **All vehicles are fundamentally stable when parked, i.e. chocked or backed into a trench or over a bund to secure them in case the park brake fails.**

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

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