

Incident Information Release

ISAFEWORK NSW

26/11/2019

Telehandler fatality

12 November 2019

Incident overview

A 24-year-old man was killed near Gundagai after being hit by the boom of a telehandler, while riding outside of the cabin.



Manitou telehandler

The investigation

- SafeWork NSW inspectors responded to the incident.
- SafeWork NSW commenced an investigation to determine the cause and circumstances of the incident.

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Safety Information

Businesses are reminded of their duty to identify hazards and manage risks to health and safety in accordance with the provisions of the <u>Work Health and Safety Act 2011</u> and <u>Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017</u>.

Consider 'reasonably practicable' control measures to manage the risks associated with working on, or near, mobile plant. Control measures include:

- not carrying passengers unless the plant is equipped to do so
- wearing a seatbelt
- putting exclusion zones around the plant when it's operating
- having safe systems of work for the operation of the plant item
- training workers in the use of the plant item
- maintaining the plant according to manufacturer's recommendations
- doing appropriate inspections for cranes, follow AS2550.

Further information

- Code of practice Managing the Risk of plant in the workplace
- Working with or around mobile plant safety alert
- Code of practice Moving plant on construction sites
- Plant: Your health and safety guide Worksafe Victoria

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