

SAFETY ALERT

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MOBILE PLANT OPERATOR TRAPS HAND IN DOOR

DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT

A contractor, who was operating an Articulated Dump Truck (ADT) stopped the vehicle in heavy rain to pick up a pedestrian and transport him to his light vehicle at the base of the quarry. While sitting down in the passenger seat, the passenger closed the door of the ADT; however, the Operator's left hand was on the door frame to assist with leverage (to then reach across with his right hand to pull the door from the seated position). The passenger closed the door, trapping the Operator's hand between door and frame, causing laceration to the Operator's index finger. The Operator attend hospital where his finger nail was removed and stitches applied.



KEY FINDINGS


- The risk assessment had not identified this potential hazard.
- The passenger and ADT Operator did not communicate regarding the closure of the door.
- The position of the door handle led Operator to an unusual movement when in seated position.
- The weight of the door required some force to close.




KEY REVIEW POINTS

- Brief Operators regarding potential pinch point between door and frame.
- Review risk assessment for access/egress from cab.
- Review pedestrian and vehicle management in changing environments (weather and quarry development).
- Review first aid provisions for access to running water.
- Communication between Operator and passengers.

Look after yourself and each other 
Don't let anyone act unsafely, always stop unsafe practices.

Safe Systems 
Follow safe systems of work, site rules, signage and traffic signals.

Incident/Hazard alerts 
Report all incidents/hazards immediately.

Driving 
Drive safely, ensure you are authorised and that vehicles/mobile plant are well maintained.

