

# SAFETY ALERT

## CRUSHED BY PLANT

Risks associated with workers being crushed or hit by heavy vehicles or trailers.



A number of Australian workers have been seriously injured or killed because vehicles haven't been safely immobilised while work is being done on or around them. Duty holders must ensure trucks, trailers, and mobile plant are safely immobilised when they exit these vehicles or work around them.

Minimum controls such as handbrakes and chocks could prevent damage or worse death/injury.

### **Recommendation to reduce being hit or crushed by vehicles:**

- Ensure a risk assessment is conducted and plant is immobilised before working on vehicles
- Ensure workers are not under a heavy vehicle or trailer, or in its path
- Apply safe systems of work, such as clear separation of traffic from pedestrian areas
- Always apply handbrake of the vehicle when not in use
- Chock wheels of a heavy vehicle or trailer or light vehicle
- Ensure components of a heavy vehicle or trailer are restrained or adequately supported.
- Check that brakes are not malfunctioning.