

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



MACHINE DAMAGE

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Background

On 12 August, during a site safety inspection, it was identified that the marguard on the side window of a forwarder was cracked. The machine was subsequently stood down until the machine was repaired. The machine operator advised that the window had been in this condition since the commencement of the operation.

The issue had not been identified or reported, the integrity of the marguard was compromised exposing the operator to a serious safety risk. An inspection completed at another site identified an oil leak on a harvester that the operator was aware of.

It is important that contractors monitor all machines for damage and reinforce prompt reporting to ensure timely repair/replacement and maintenance issues are dealt with quickly.

Key points

- Report all damage and maintenance issues e.g. oil and hydrocarbon leaks.
- Damage to protective structures on machinery increases the risk exposure for the operator.
- Machines cannot operate with damaged glass and/or marguard.
- Machines that are leaking oil or hydrocarbons must not continue to be operated