

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



Three Points of Contact

Number: 114

Background

On 4 October, a mechanic was exiting a machine when they slipped on a step, striking their upper left leg causing a graze. The machines surface was slippery, the mechanic was holding tools and three points of contact was not maintained. The mechanic was aware of the risk of slips, trips and falls and requirement to maintain three points of contact. The Safe Work Procedure (SWP) did not address the issue of tool placement when exiting machines.

Key points

- Three points of contact must always be maintained when entering/exiting machines.
- The SWP will be updated to include tool placement when entering/exiting machines.
- Be aware of slippery surfaces and take extra care.