

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



EXCLUSION ZONES DURING LOADING

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Background

On 11 December, a truck driver was observed by an FPC Officer standing in the exclusion zone whilst the truck was being loaded. The truck driver was not in the line of sight of the forwarder operator. This had the potential to cause serious harm to the driver, fortunately no injuries were sustained.

Key points

- Prior to commencing loading/unloading, the loader operator and truck driver must:
 - Agree on the position of the driver; and
 - establish and confirm the method of communication (oral, visual or radio). Handheld radio communication is preferred.
- If at any time the loader operator is unsure that the exclusion zone is free of persons, loses visibility or communication with the driver or the driver will not comply with requests to exit the exclusion zone they **MUST STOP** until it is safe to recommence.
- Always follow the Safe Operating Procedure.
- The truck driver should be a minimum of 4 metres in front of the truck or 10 metres from the rear or 10 metres from the opposite side to the side being loaded
- An example of a Safe Work Zone is provided in the diagram below:

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