

# CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



## TRUCK DRIVER IN EXCLUSION ZONE

**Number: 132**

**Date: 21/03/24**

### **Background**

On 14 March, an FPC Officer arrived on site and observed a truck driver standing in the exclusion zone whilst the truck was being loaded.

The FPC Officer instructed the loader operator via their two-way to cease loading and instructed the truck driver to move away from the truck.

This is the third related incident recorded in the past six months with a concern that exclusion zone breaches during loading are occurring more often than they are being reported by FPC Officers.

All Contractors involved in loading and unloading should have clear procedures covering what is required by both the loader operator and truck driver and induction records retained by contractors.

### **Key Points**

- Contractor had a Loading/Unloading procedure that was not followed by the driver or operator.
- Both the truck driver and loader operator have a dual responsibility to ensure the exclusion zone remains clear during loading/unloading.
- If the truck driver refuses to ensure the exclusion zone remains clear during loading, the loader operator should cease loading immediately.