

Quarries – Preventing drivers falling from dump trucks

What is the problem?

Drivers falling from dump trucks whose doors open onto unguarded access platforms.

What are the risks?

Dump trucks with access platforms that are not enclosed by guardrails can place drivers at risk of falling two metres or more.

The risk of serious harm is greater when the door opens too far and exposes the driver to the risk of a fall.

What is a solution to the problem?

Guard the driver from the risk of falling by either:

- fitting a physical 'stop' to prevent the cabin door opening fully and extending the guardrail so it meets the edge of the open door, or
- extending the sides of the work deck so that guardrails can be installed to enclose the platform without affecting the operation of the door.

Further Information

WorkSafe Advisory Service

Toll-free: 1800 136 089

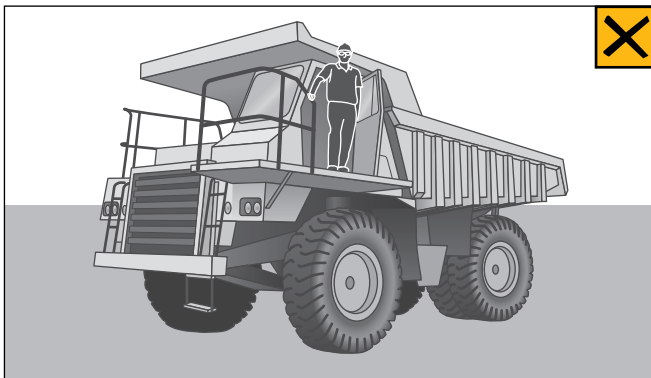
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Australian Standard

AS/NZS 1657:1992 – *Fixed platforms, walkways, stairways and ladders – Design, construction and installation.*

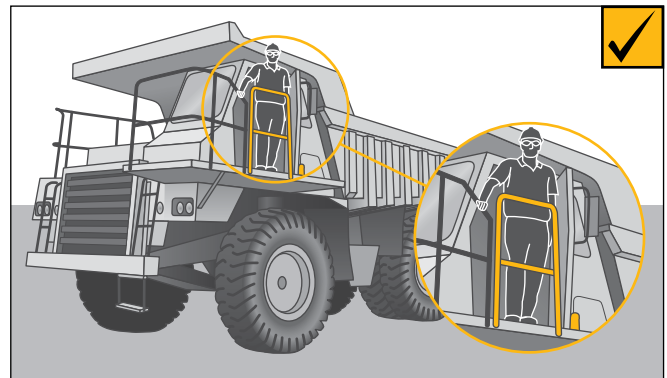
The problem



Driver exposed to a two-metre fall as guardrails do not fully enclose the access platform.

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The solution



Driver protected from falling by extended guardrails.