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Worker pinned under front-end-loader

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A 45-year-old worker sustained serious injuries whilst undertaking engine repairs underneath a front-end-loader at a property located in Euabalong. The hydraulic jacks beneath the loader gave way, pinning the worker at the pelvis and hips.



Front-end-loader involved in incident



Area where the worker was trapped

Safety information

Incidents involving farm vehicles are a major cause of injury and death in the agriculture industry. Vehicle related incidents involve rollovers, vehicles running over people and incidents caused by unsafe maintenance activities.

Implement 'reasonably practicable' control measures to manage the risks related to working around farm vehicles.

Ensure:

- if plant is not in use, it should be stored so it does not create a risk to workers or other people in the workplace
- plant and machinery are inspected, tested and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations
- any inspection, maintenance or testing is carried out by a competent person

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- control measures are implemented to eliminate, or if that is not reasonably practicable, minimise the:
 - risk to health and safety of people during storage. For example, release stored energy, lower moving parts that fall under gravity and provide support to prevent toppling
 - risks of damage to plant during storage. For example, risks may arise from corrosion because of exposure to residues of hazardous substances and deteriorating consumables
- the surrounding areas are inspected, and any potential risks are identified, and control measures are implemented to minimise the risk
- the worker does not place themselves in a position where they are at risk of serious injury
- workers have the necessary training, experience, and supervision to identify hazards and control risks associated with carrying out maintenance on heavy machinery.

Related guidance material

- [Managing the risks of plant in the workplace](#) – Safe Work Australia
- [Guide for managing the risks of machinery in rural workplaces](#) – Safe Work Australia
- [The A-Z of farm safety guide](#) – SafeWork NSW
- Refer to the Operators Manual provided by the plant manufacturer.

Further information

- [Traumatic event management plan - SafeWork NSW](#)
- [Mental health at work – NSW Government](#)
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