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Telehandler fatality

12 November 2019

Incident overview

A 24-year-old man was killed near Gundagai after being hit by the boom of a telehandler, while riding outside of the cabin.



Manitou telehandler

The investigation

- SafeWork NSW inspectors responded to the incident.
- SafeWork NSW commenced an investigation to determine the cause and circumstances of the incident.

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Safety Information

Businesses are reminded of their duty to identify hazards and manage risks to health and safety in accordance with the provisions of the [Work Health and Safety Act 2011](#) and [Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017](#).

Consider 'reasonably practicable' control measures to manage the risks associated with working on, or near, mobile plant. Control measures include:

- not carrying passengers unless the plant is equipped to do so
- wearing a seatbelt
- putting exclusion zones around the plant when it's operating
- having safe systems of work for the operation of the plant item
- training workers in the use of the plant item
- maintaining the plant according to manufacturer's recommendations
- doing appropriate inspections – for cranes, follow AS2550.

Further information

- [Code of practice – Managing the Risk of plant in the workplace](#)
- [Working with or around mobile plant safety alert](#)
- [Code of practice – Moving plant on construction sites](#)
- [Plant: Your health and safety guide](#) – Worksafe Victoria