

Fatal 1 – Contractor fails to follow isolation procedures whilst working on crusher putting himself at risk of sustaining a fatal injury

WHAT HAPPENED

A contractor climbed into crusher to have a look at the skato plates as these were on the job list for the day. They were advised at the start of the day to return to the office after completing his first job for the isolation to be removed, the equipment for the next tasks would then be isolated, ready for working on. The contractor failed to follow the instruction and consequently, the crusher was not isolated when he entered.

KEY FINDINGS - Root Causes

Failure to identify hazards - Contractor did not check to see if crusher was isolated before climbing in to assess works required.

LOTOTO procedure was not followed

Complacency – The contractor showed lack of hazard awareness

Violation of given instructions - The contractor did not return to the office following the first task

Inadequate communication - Insufficient communication from site regarding specific task

In the images below, the contractor's access to work area is in blue, access steps to the crusher are shown in yellow.





LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

- All contractors to complete 9 Steps to LOTOTO video and comprehension test before any works are carried out
- Clear communication from site regarding sequence for multiple tasks

LOCATION: QUARRY
ACTIVITY: MAINTENANCE & HOUSEKEEPING
SUB ACTIVITY: CRUSHERS

ALERT STATUS: Normal
DATE ISSUED: 14/12/2025 20:29:28
INCIDENT No: 04960