

SAFETY ALERT

Approved code of practice for operator protective structures on self-propelled mobile mechanical plant

This approved code of practice describes good practice for operator protective structures, operator training, loading for transportation, and seat belts.

<https://worksafe.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1679-operator-protective-structures-on-self-propelled-mobile-mechanical-plant>

NZTA wish to remind all contractors and subcontractors working on our Network, of the WorkSafe ACOP for operator protective structures on self-propelled mobile mechanical plant, specifically the requirement to comply with the use of wearing fitted seat belts on mobile plant.

We are concerned about the recent increase in plant rollover incidents on our projects, including maintenance contracts. A number of these incidents have resulted in injury to the plant operator but prevented from more serious injury due their use of fitted seatbelts.

We have attached the ACOP for your reference and refer to Page 40, Section 10: Seatbelt Requirements and also refer you to the guidance note below issued by WorkSafe.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our requirements regarding this Safety Alert, please contact Jacqui Bree, Senior Health, Safety & Wellness Advisor New Zealand Transport Agency.

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While this guidance has not been updated to reflect current work health and safety legislation (the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and regulations), it may still contain relevant information and practices to keep workers and others healthy and safe.

Please read this guidance in conjunction with all relevant industry standards that apply to you as a PCBU. This guidance will be progressively reviewed and either updated, replaced with other guidance, or revoked.