

SAFETY ALERT



SECURITY AND SAFETY HIGHLIGHTED IN BOBCAT RIDE AT QUARRY

INCIDENT

Unknown people went into a brick factory and took a Bobcat out into the adjoining quarry for a joy ride. They drove the vehicle up and down a steep 2.5 metre slope until it rolled on its side, and then burnt it.

CIRCUMSTANCES

The Bobcat was last seen during the evening shift, parked in the brick factory, with its keys in the ignition. The quarry has a security chain mesh fence around it, although a section of fence is missing at the brick factory, making access easy.

INVESTIGATION

Tyre marks indicated that the Bobcat overturned when going up the slope at an angle. There were no witnesses, and police were called to investigate whether anyone may have reported injuries at a hospital.

From the position of the Bobcat, it is very possible that the driver might have serious injuries.



The photo shows the Bobcat lying on its side at the bottom of the slope. The large stone next to it may have rolled down the slope and contributed to the accident.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

This incident highlights the need for adequate site security at all mines and quarries.

- Security fences should be complete, without gaps.
- Keys should NOT be left in parked mobile equipment.
- Additional controls, including patrols, alarms and vehicle immobilisation might be considered.

NOTE: Section 16 of the Occupational Health & Safety Act applies to **ALL** site visitors — including trespassers.

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