

SAFETY ALERT



CHILDREN IN DANGER ON MINE SITES

This Safety Alert warns the industry of danger to children on mine sites.

INCIDENTS

A young child was fatally injured at an open cut mine a few years ago. There continue to be reports of children on mine and quarry sites.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

- People who are in charge of work places, including quarries and other mines, are responsible for the safety of anyone on their site, including visitors. This is set out in Section 16 of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1983*.
- Children on mine sites are an added risk.
- Activities on mine sites, even very small sites, may be hazardous.
- Employees, contractors, suppliers and other visitors may have children with them on site from time to time. This can expose children to potential dangers.
- Owners, managers and supervisors of mines must ensure that their Safety Management Plans address the safety of all visitors, including children, on the mine site.

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