

HSEQ Bulletin

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Preventing Plant and Equipment Damage

Over the past few weeks we have seen a series of plant and equipment incidents, notably;

- Two Bobcats have had windscreens cracked.
- The side window of a forklift has been smashed (during use – picture below).
- Various other incidents involving vehicles and minor damage.



The incidents have involved running into or over items in the surrounding environment. A couple of these items have 'flicked up' striking and breaking the windows, others have simply been driven into having not been seen by the operator or spotter.

This rising trend of damage only incidents is cause for concern. These incidents cost money and time to correct and they can be an indicator or warning of the potential for more significant incidents.

We are asking for your help stop these incidents occurring.

When conducting work related tasks we remind you to Take Five;

1. **Think through the task.** Plan your work.
2. **Spot the hazard.** This should include the area you are working in not just the task.
3. **Assess the risk.** Think about what could happen.
4. **Make the changes.** Implement the controls to remove or reduce the risks.
5. **Do the task safely.**