



## Subcontractor Roller Tip Over (SA565)

(Moderate)

Incident	Description	
<b>Event Date:</b> 12/06/2025	<b>Time:</b> 15:30	<b>Location:</b> 646 Ormiston Road, Flat Bush, Auckland
<b>Investigation Status:</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>NP Reference / External Reference:</b> OCC15534 / Maximo 178841

### What happened?

A Subcontractor operator was compacting a layer of ATAP40 along a narrow gravel road after it had been spread with a six-wheel truck. While he was reversing to compact the layers, the operator attempted to steer around an overhanging branch causing the roller's front drum wheel to move towards the swale and hang of the edge of the road. This caused the roller to tip over and end up on its side in the swale. Fortunately, no injuries were sustained. The incident was reported to WorkSafe and has been investigated by the Subcontractor.



### What could have happened?

Mobile plant tipping over has the potential to cause a severe injury or fatality to occupants and others nearby and possibly create an environmental oil spill.

In this event, no harm occurred due to the robust controls in place, which included:

- Use of seatbelts
- Enclosed cabin fitted onto roller
- Robust Roll Over Protection (ROPS) and Falling Object Protective Structure (FOPS) OPS/FOPS Protection
- Prestart checks completed

### Actions Required / Messages:

- Ensure you are familiar with the environment that you are operating plant.
- Visual deception from bush, grass can lead to severe misjudgement – display visual markers.
- Ensure each section of work must be assessed on its own risk factor.
- One spotter per operation is essential when dealing with high-risk mobile plant movements.

<b>Supporting References:</b>	<i>WorkSafe Good Practice Guidelines for Keeping Healthy and Safe Around Vehicles and Mobile Plant</i> <a href="#"><u>SWMS-AW-002 Using Vehicles and Machinery</u></a>
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