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Outline the Scene	Incident	Cast Iron Lid Dropped During Lifting Operations – Near Miss
	Subject	CR03 - Failure of Lifting Operations
	Incident Date	29/08/2024
	Business Unit	Fletcher Living – Canterbury

What happened?



During the lifting operation of a precast unit and cast-iron lid using an excavator. There was a failure in the lifting methodology which caused the load to become unbalanced, this resulted in the cast iron lid to fall off the load.

An exclusion zone had not been established and the lid landed in an area where workers had been previously working to mix material. Fortunately, during the incident no workers were mixing however one was positioned approximately 3.0 - meters away and a rigger was positioned on the truck deck so there was potential for workers to be in the line of fire.



We believe all injuries are preventable, here are some questions to help us learn



- Was a Lift Plan carried out?
- Were shortcuts taken because of time pressures?
- Is the load adequately secured and balanced with multiple rigging points?
- Is an exclusion zone in place so that if there is a failure we can fail safely?
- If lifting with an excavator, is it set up to lift?

For more information, please contact;

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