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| **!!!SAFETY ALERT!!!** |

**TRIPOD TANKS**

To all fuel users,

This is an important safety alert from the Fuel Distributors Industry Safety Committee and Worksafe NZ.

There has recently been an incident on a farm/site where a “Tripod” overhead tank collapsed while being filled by a Fuel Tanker driver, who was subsequently seriously injured. The root cause was significant corrosion (rust) on one of the tank legs- see examples below. There were also farm implements in proximity to the tank which contributed further to the driver’s injuries when they fell on them.



**We want to work with you to keep you, your employees and Fuel delivery drivers safe and to make sure an accident like this does not happen on your farm/site.**

As a matter of priority, please can you act to:

1.    Check each of your fuel tanks and support structures for signs of corrosion (rust) or metal fatigue

2.    Make sure all tanks are properly secured to a flat foundation

3.    Ensure the work area around each tank is safe, with a clear path free of obstacles

4.    If you have any concerns or would like assistance please contact your local Fuel supplier

For further information please visit the [WorkSafe guidelines for above-ground fuel storage on farms](https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fworksafe.govt.nz%2Ftopic-and-industry%2Fagriculture%2Fchemicals-and-fuels-on-farms%2Fabove-ground-fuel-storage-on-farms%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cluke.eason%40farmlands.co.nz%7Cd90342628a934413010d08d7fdf494d7%7Ceb063e0386064a0c82323bd8a570d010%7C0%7C0%7C637257099231584590&sdata=33XUQ4B%2FuZAcWB4Gp0aRj8aCABJXuPrwqvkunLTHGQo%3D&reserved=0).

Thank you in advance for doing this. Your local fuel supplier team are here to help and we can work with you to ensure a safer operational environment for all.

Kind regards,

FDISC members.