

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 17 November 2023

This incident summary provides information on reportable incidents and safety advice for the NSW mining industry. To report an incident to the NSW Resources Regulator: phone 1300 814 609 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

At a glance

High level summary of emerging trends and our recommendations to operators.



Type	Number
Reportable incident total	43
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0045796 Underground coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas	While driving into an area to be sealed, a personnel transporter hit a canch resulting in a worker being thrown into the roof of the transporter. The worker suffered 2 fractured vertebrae.	Equipment operators must maintain situational awareness and drive to the conditions, including maintaining an appropriate speed particularly when driving over uneven ground. This incident underpins the importance of wearing seatbelts as a mitigating control. When roadway hazards exist, mine operators must demarcate, plan and repair the road to reduce the risk to workers.



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Dangerous incident IncNot0045822 Open cut coal mine	<p>Two workers were in the engine bay of a haul truck adjusting chains while installing an engine module. The module moved unexpectedly. The workers had to jump clear to avoid being hit or crushed.</p> <p>Both workers were uninjured. The incident was not immediately reported to the supervisor.</p> 	<p>During lifting activities, it is vital to have clear and concise communication between work parties and workers in control of the crane.</p> <p>Manufacturers should review risk assessments and procedures to ensure that the hazard of unplanned movement during lifting engine modules into or out of haul trucks is considered, controls are in place, and that this is clearly communicated to workers.</p> <p>When an incident occurs, workers must clearly and accurately convey the events related to an incident or near miss to their supervisor.</p>
		

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Other Resources Regulator publications

- [Safety Alert SA23-04 Unintended initiation of unidentified \(misfired\) explosives during excavation](#)

Note: While the majority of incidents are reported and recorded within a week of the event, some are notified outside this time period. The incidents in this report therefore have not necessarily occurred in a one-week period. All newly recorded incidents, whatever the incident date, are reviewed by the Chief Inspector and senior staff each week. For more comprehensive statistical data refer to our annual performance measures reports.

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