

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 26 April 2024

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	39
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0046789 Underground coal mine	<p>Two operators were installing steel pipe to a roof using a pipe PET - a machine designed to carry and lift pipes to the roof so they can be installed.</p> <p>The workers positioned a vehicle to install the pipe and installed wheel chocks. The door was open but the workers had left the vehicle in first gear.</p> <p>During the lift, there was a mechanical declutch failure and the vehicle unexpectedly rolled away about one metre.</p>	<p>Mine operators must ensure that equipment is maintained to appropriate standards and that a risk managed approach is taken to designing preventative maintenance strategies.</p> <p>Mine workers should not rely on safety interlocks for general isolation of equipment unless the interlock is specifically designed for such a purpose.</p>

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Dangerous incident IncNot0046790 Underground metals mine	A truck was parked up, fundamentally stable, for about 15 minutes on a production level with the park brake on. The operator had let the truck idle down and shut off with the vehicle in neutral and the park brake on. The driver heard a 'creaking' noise. The truck moved backwards a very short distance.	Mine operators must ensure that equipment is maintained to appropriate standards and that a risk managed approach is taken to designing preventative maintenance strategies.

Other Resources Regulator publications

- [Safety Bulletin SB24-02 LHD crowd cylinder failures](#)

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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