

## REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

# Weekly incident summary

**20 July 2016**

*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](#).*

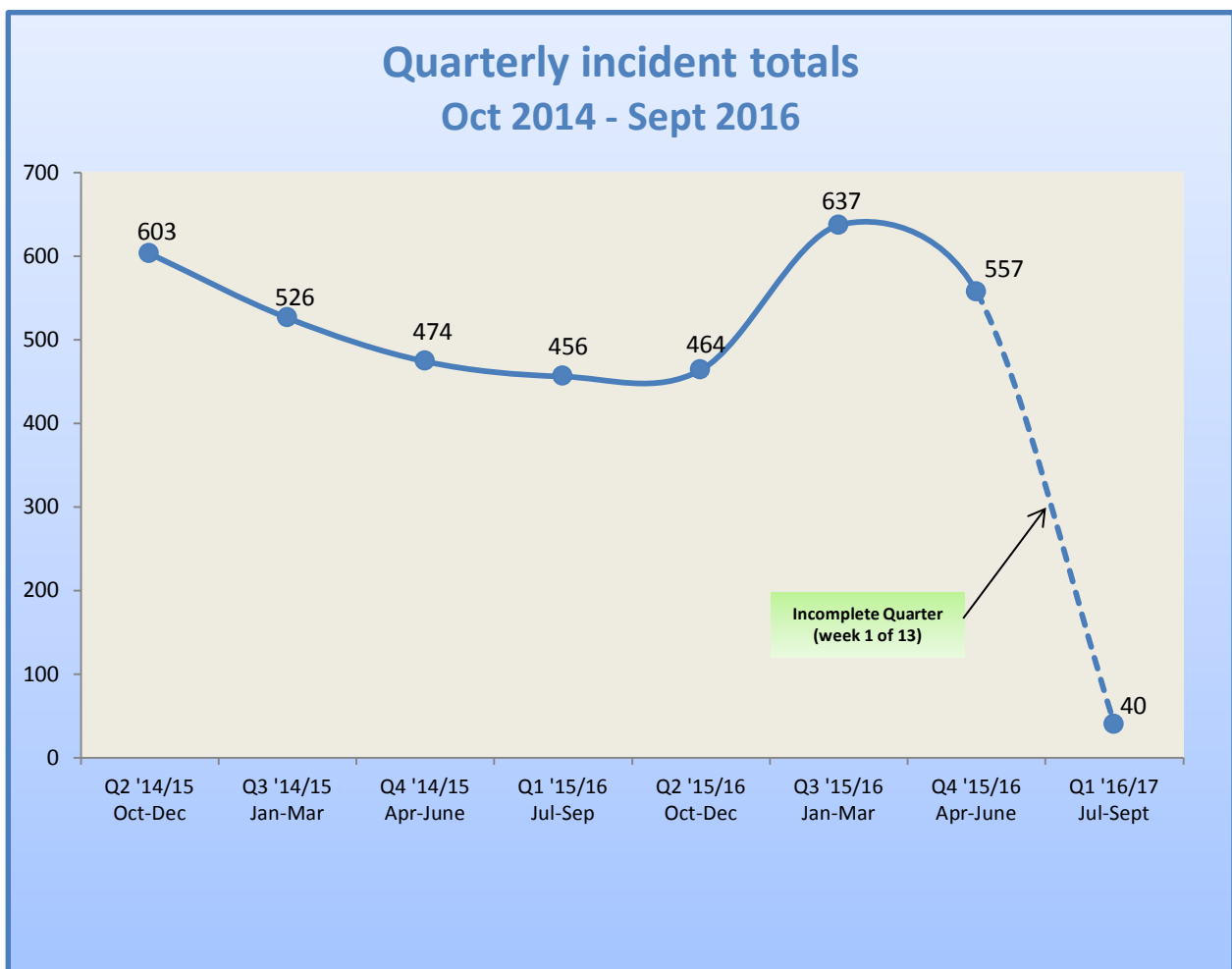
To report an incident call **1300 814 609** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**Reportable incidents total: 40    Summarised Incidents: 6**

**Summarised Incidents** – incidents of note for which operators should consider the comments provided and determine if action needs to be taken.

Incident type	Summary	Comment to industry
Dangerous Incident 2016/0031	Rollover of rear of articulated dump truck - the truck was handling topsoil and one side of the truck was on the previously dumped topsoil while the rear of the truck sank into the topsoil and rolled onto its side.	Roads and vehicle management systems should consider the manoeuvrability of vehicles in relation to maximum operating speeds, the impact of road design which includes grades, camber and radius of curves.
Dangerous Incident 2016/00009	Dozer reversed across dump face and made contact with the position 6 tyre of a truck.	Mines should ensure that positive communication procedures are implemented and maintained at all times. These procedures should include the requirement for the incoming operator to be acknowledged by other operators prior to entering the work area.
Serious Injury 2016/00027	A belt spindle was being winched up beside a conveyor to a cut-through for recovery. When the spindle reached the winch, it lifted and slewed over striking the spotter and fracturing his ankle.	When tasks are undertaken requiring the movement of loads by winch rope or chain, the task should be assessed and the safe position of persons identified.
Dangerous Incident 2016/0026	A cleaner sustained an electric shock when attempting to turn on a domestic light switch in a workshop office.	Industrial light switches with insulating membrane separating the operator from possible electrical contact are readily available from electrical wholesalers.

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Dangerous Incident 2016/00022	Contact was made between an LHD canopy and an 11KV cable, tripping the electrical protection. The machine was shunting to allow an oncoming vehicle to pass and was raised up as it ran over rib spoil.	Where a cut-through contains high voltage transformers, belt starters and/or other major electrical plant – mine systems should provide for demarcation barriers to be installed and maintained to a standard that restricts vehicle access and protects electrical cabling and equipment.
Dangerous Incident 2016/0041	SMV collided with a longwall roof support that was stored on the transport road. An alternative transport route had been set up and communicated to the workforce. While driving into the mine the driver drove through a swilly, putting muddy water on the windscreen and lights. He did not see the no-road tape and subsequently drove through it. The transport then collided with the roof support.	Mines should consider barricading standards (e.g. jersey barriers) or signage (eg flashing lights) for use on main transport roads when the road is obstructed. All vehicle operators should be reminded to keep their machine fit for purpose during use - clean windscreen and clean lights were an issue in this case.



## Recent incident publications

No recent incident notifications.

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## Further information

Should you wish to seek further information, please contact one of our offices:

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