

REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

Weekly incident summary

21 September 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](#).

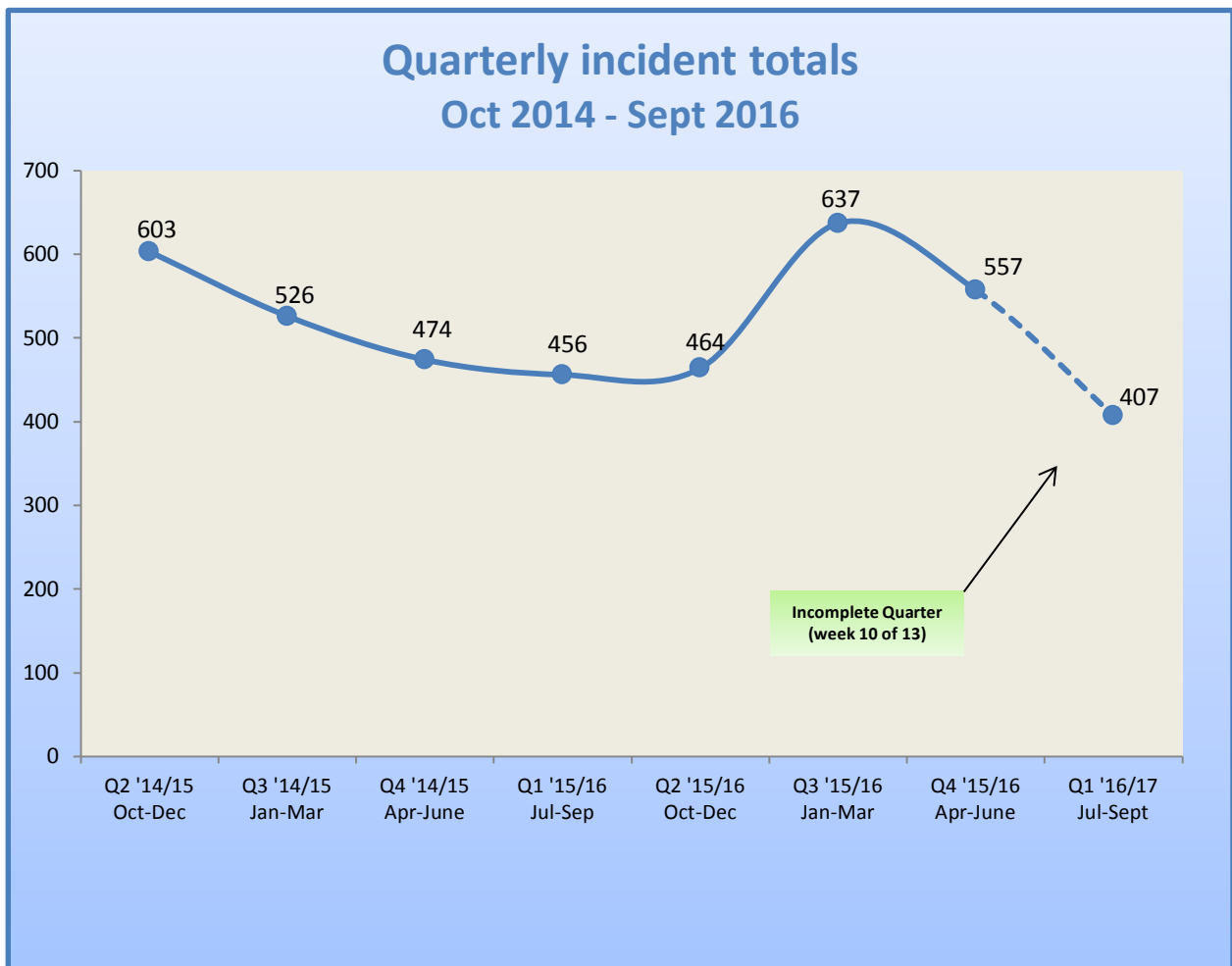
To report an incident call **1300 814 609** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Reportable incidents total: 43 Summarised incidents: 3

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
Complaint SinNot - 2016/00399	An allegation has been made that a contract employee was dismissed for raising concerns about non-reporting of incidents. The complainant witnessed a near miss incident involving a supervisor’s vehicle and a grader which was allegedly not reported. Prior non-reported incidents have been alleged. The complaint is being investigated.	The attention of Mine Operators is drawn to Part 6 Division 1 of the NSW Work Health and Safety Act 2011. Dismissal of a worker or termination of a contract for services with a worker is deemed discriminatory conduct where the reason is a prohibited reason, such as raising an issue or concern about work health and safety with the PCBU.
Dangerous incident SinNot- 2016/00386	A loader bucket hit a power pole while constructing a bund adjacent to the pole. A conductor came free from the insulator causing the power to trip.	Where overhead powerlines (OHLs) cross a mine site, OHL corridors should be established with restriction of activities within the corridors. The corridor should extend a sufficient distance from the extremities of the OHL so that contact with the aerials, poles or support structures (including stay wires) is prevented under normal operating or foreseeable abnormal circumstances. Reference should be made to Australian standard AS/NZS 3007:2013 for recommendations relating to OHLs and associated corridors
High potential incident SinNot- 2016/00379	Two empty haul trucks were travelling down a decline and a loaded haul truck was coming up the decline. The lead truck travelling down the decline communicated with the loaded truck and	Mine operators should ensure that vehicles operating in underground workplaces, especially in declines, maintain safe distances between vehicles - particularly on corners. Safe distances should be determined through risk

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	the lead truck agreed to pull over and stop to allow the loaded truck to pass. The rear truck collided with the stopped lead truck.	<p>assessment and reflect the worst case scenario.</p> <p>Radio communications in underground mines provide a significant control in the prevention of vehicle collisions. Effective radio communication systems and protocols with diligent monitoring of radio calls are essential for maintaining a safe place of work.</p> <p>Operating procedures at mines should be effectively communicated to all relevant workers and monitored by mine supervision.</p>



Recent incident publications

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