



REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

Weekly incident summary

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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 and summarised in this report. For more comprehensive statistical data refer to our [Annual Performance Measures Reports](#).

Reportable incidents total

Level 1 incidents	Level 2 incidents	Level 3 incidents
75	8	0

Note: Incidents are categorised as Level 1, 2 or 3 according to the seriousness of the incident, with 3 being the most serious.

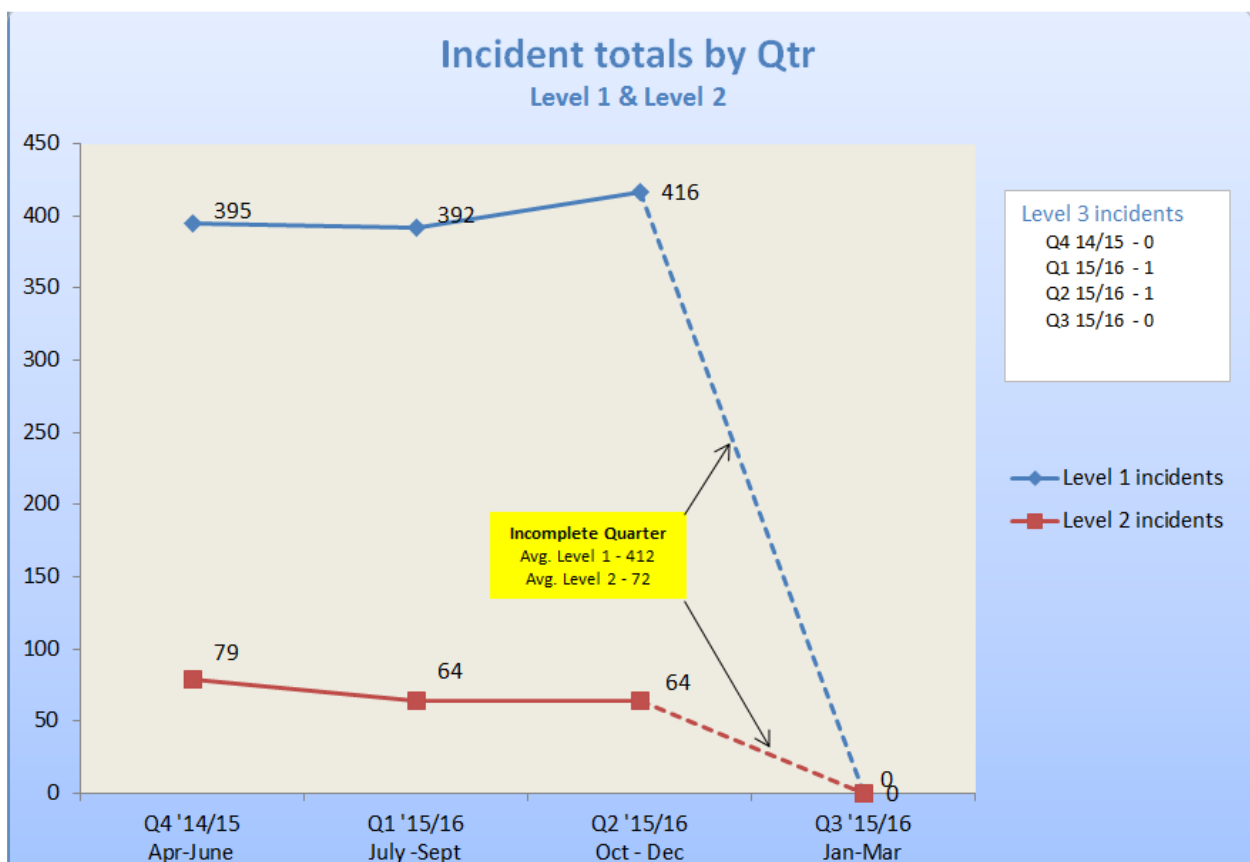
Injuries	Fatalities
19	0

Reportable incidents overview

Note: While all incidents are investigated, generally only level 2 and 3 incidents are summarised below.

Level	Incident type	Summary	Comment to Industry
2	Elect Energy 317657691001	An authorised worker received an electric shock after repeated attempts to reset a circuit breaker in an electrical enclosure.	Resetting of tripped circuit breakers should be done only by a qualified electrician after carrying out the appropriate circuit testing.
2	Mech Equip 317657693001	Water truck with tub full of water rolled over while descending minor ramp.	Potential for heavy vehicle rollover needs to be considered as part of operator training, in selection of vehicle and design of roadways.
2	Mech Equip 317657676001	Conveyor pulley falls from skyline conveyor. Preliminary investigation indicates the pulley bearing auto grease hose was not installed correctly causing the pulley bearing to fail and collapse.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide access to both sides of conveyor pulleys for inspection and maintenance. 2. Commissioning check needs to confirm maintenance lines are installed correctly. 3. Conveyors should comply with AS/NZS 4024.3610 & AS/NZS 4024.3611

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2	Mech Equip 317657777001	The bucket of a front end loader impacted with the cabin of a gravel truck while loading when the loader toppled over. The loader was working across a slight slope and was partially articulated while discharged into the truck.	A risk assessment of all loading/tipping operations must be carried out that includes, but is not limited to, potential toppling of the loader through loader articulation while the bucket is elevated, the slope of the work location and fit-for-purpose truck/loader configuration.
2	Elect Energy 317657883001	Starter motor failed causing a direct earth to short. Resulting fire in engine was extinguished by operator.	A missing cover plug on the starter motor allowed dust and dirt ingress which caused the electrical fault and subsequent fire. Such plugs should be in place and effective.
2	Mech Equip 317657883001	Operator noticed timberjack lowering while attempting to drill a hole for roof bolt even though the timberjack 'down' function had not been activated.	It has been identified that the spool monitoring was out of adjustment after reassembly of the rig and control bank. Spool proximity sensor calibration to OEM specifications is now on the commissioning check sheet.



Recent incident publications

Type	Identifier	Title	Date published
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No new incident publications

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