

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 20 August 2021

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	32
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0040523 Open cut coal mine	A mine worker has fallen while climbing a ladder to access scaffold. The worker fell approximately four metres, landing on a co-worker, who was standing at the base of the ladder, on a scaffolding platform. The worker who fell, lost consciousness and sustained a head laceration which required 16 stitches. The worker who was fallen on, sustained a neck injury. Both workers were transported to hospital for treatment. The outcome of this incident could have been far more serious, as there was a drop of several metres from the lower scaffold platform to the floor of the work area.	This incident is under investigation. Further information may be published in future. Mine operators must ensure that there are effective controls in place to manage the risk of falls while climbing onto and from scaffold ladders. All workers, who install or work on scaffolding should be familiar with site scaffolding procedures. This should include design and construction requirements, and necessary safety equipment, such as when fall protection equipment is required.



Dangerous incident
IncNot0040503
Surface fixed plant

A worker lost his footing, stumbled and his right hand hit an unguarded conveyor snub pulley. The worker required surgery for injuries to his hand.



Mine operators and workers must ensure that, before guarding around plant is removed for maintenance or cleaning purposes, all energy sources are isolated. Guarding must be restored to its secured position before the plant resumes operation. Mine operators should review:

- Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017 cl 208 and cl 210.
- SafeWork NSW – Code of Practice – Managing the risks of plant in the workplace.



Other publications of interest

The incidents are included for your review. The NSW Resources Regulator does not endorse the findings or recommendations of these incidents. It is your legal duty to exercise due diligence to ensure the business complies with its work health and safety obligations.

PUBLICATION	ISSUE/TOPIC
	International (fatal)
MSHA	<p>Mine fatality – On 3 August 2021, a mine worker was run over by a customer tractor-trailer while walking to his normal work area.</p> <p>Details</p>
	International (other, non-fatal)
NOPSEMA	<p>Lifting operations - Safety alert #73</p> <p>NOPSEMA was notified of an incident on an offshore facility where members of the workforce were impacted during a lifting operation. One member of the workforce was injured and transferred onshore for medical treatment.</p> <p>The incident involved a monorail hoist dropping a 500 kilogram piping spool (including ancillaries) when its beam trolley, chain hoist and suspended load over-ran the end-stop.</p> <p>Details</p>

National (other, non-fatal)**Qld Resources
Safety and
Health (Coal)****High potential incident periodical (Coal) – June**[Details](#)**DMIRS
(WA)****Methamphetamine in the workplace – Information sheet**

The Western Australian Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety has released an information sheet as a brief guide for employers on what to do when it is suspected that someone in the workplace may be using Methamphetamine.

[Details](#)**Qld Resources
Safety and
Health (Coal)****CHPP pump suction pipe dislodges resulting in a serious injury – Safety alert #395**

While coal mine workers were undertaking maintenance work on a pump in a coal handling and preparation plant, the suction line, including the sump isolation valve released from the sump wall under pressure. A worker was impacted by the expelled components suffering a serious injury.

[Details](#)

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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