

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 3 September 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	37
Summarised incident total	1

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0040631 Underground coal mine</p>	<p>The lift frame welds failed and dropped the load of an Eimco 130 LHD. At the time, the operator was stopping at a set of block lights. The LHD was carrying a QDS pod loaded with four pallets. The operator was uninjured.</p> 	<p>The maintenance regimes for mobile plant must include inspection and testing of lifting components on mobile plant, including hired plant. Where mobile plant may be used with man baskets, the risk profile increases and requires a more rigorous regime. Mine operators must ensure that equipment used for lifting and carrying is operated within the safe working limits of the mobile plant and any attachments.</p>

Resources Regulator publications

- [SB21-06 - Safety bulletin – Human factors - water carts and cabin interfaces](#)

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 11 August 2021, a 53-year-old contract truck driver with ten years' experience was fatally injured while conducting a pre-operational examination of a truck. The rear wheels of the vehicle struck the truck driver when the truck rolled forward.</p> <p>Details</p>
	National (other, non-fatal)
DMIRS (WA)	<p>Safety and health snapshot – August 2021</p> <p>Details</p>
DMIRS (WA)	<p>Workers ejected from underground work platform – Mines Safety Bulletin #184</p> <p>In July 2020, a service crew at an underground mine was hanging an electrical trailing cable for a jumbo drill in an ore drive, when two workers were tipped out of a work platform (WP) attached to an integrated tool carrier (ITC).</p> <p>Details</p>
DMIRS (WA)	<p>Uncontrolled movement of vehicles and plant – Safety bulletin 02/2021</p> <p>WorkSafe has recently had several reported incidents involving the unplanned and uncontrolled movement of plant or vehicles, which have resulted in the death or serious injury of workers.</p> <p>Details</p>
DMIRS (WA)	<p>Off-highway haul truck tyre blowout in workshop injures workers – Safety alert 06/2021</p> <p>In February 2020, a haul truck arrived at a workshop for maintenance with no tyres fitted in position 4 or 5. The position 6 tyre casing blew out 15 days later.</p>

Four workers were working on the haul truck near the tyre. One worker was thrown backwards by the percussive shock wave and knocked unconscious. Two other workers received minor injuries (ringing in ears and light bruises). The workshop walls were damaged and projectile shrapnel was found up to 17 metres from the position 6 tyre.

[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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