

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 5 November 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	34
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
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Dangerous incident
IncNot0040997
Underground coal
Ground or strata

A roof fall in an underground coal mine resulted in two workers suffering spinal, chest and leg injuries. The ply fell from between roof bolts.



The incident is under investigation. Further information may be released at a later date.

Refer to [NSW code of practice: Strata control in underground coal mines](#)



Dangerous incident
IncNot0041024
Underground
metals

A worker was in the process of repositioning an elevated work platform (EWP) when the machine unexpectedly rolled forward approximately one metre. The movement occurred when the operator placed his foot on the dead man switch and before operating the hand controls. The movement stopped when the operator released the dead man foot switch.



Mechanical engineering control plans must set out the control measures for the unintended operation of plant. This must include function testing as part of the introduction of plant to site process and pre-use inspections by operators.

Mine operators should ensure:

- all pieces of hired equipment have a thorough mechanical and electrical inspection to assess the plants operation
- thorough pre-work inspections are carried out by competent people
- hired equipment is maintained in accordance with a suitable maintenance strategy considering the original equipment manufacturer's recommendations and relevant Australian Standards. For EWPs this should include AS 1418.10 and AS 2550.10.

Resources Regulator publications

- Safety Bulletin – [SB21-09 Threaded fasteners – Diesel engine systems in underground coal mines](#)

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)
MSGA	<p>Mine fatality – On 20 October 20, 2021, a 50-year-old mechanic with 12 years of experience was fatally injured when he was struck by the bucket of an excavator while assisting in repositioning a hopper.</p> <p>Details</p>

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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