

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 29 October 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	30
Summarised incident total	1

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0040949 Underground metals Fire or explosion	A loader operator suffered serious burns from a fire on a loader while operating underground. All underground personnel retreated to refuge chambers before evacuating the mine. Workers did not fight the fire because of the loader's proximity to charged rings at the draw point.	This incident is under investigation and further information may be published later.

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 19 October, 2021, a 58-year-old mechanic with 17 year's experience was fatally injured when an articulated haul truck bed collapsed on him while he performed maintenance on the truck.</p> <p>Details</p>
	International (other, non-fatal)
MineEX NZ	<p>Rockfall damages crusher</p> <p>Over the course of a weekend, a rock dislodged from a quarry face, rolled down the face and hit a mobile crusher in the pit.</p> <p>Details</p>
	National (fatal)
Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety WA	<p>Field technician collapses during exploration activities</p> <p>A worker suffered severe heat stress and collapsed while completing exploration activities. The worker did not regain consciousness.</p> <p>Note: this incident occurred in 2018 and is included as the mine operator was recently prosecuted.</p> <p>Details</p>
	National (other, non-fatal)
Resources Safety and Health (coal) Queensland	<p>Coal mine worker crushed by moving plant – safety alert #399</p> <p>On 30 October 2021, a worker suffered injuries in an incident that occurred during a routine wash down of a rear dump truck being undertaken by four coal mine workers.</p> <p>Details</p>
Resources Safety and Health (coal) Queensland	<p>Overburden drill falls onto light vehicle - safety alert #397</p> <p>A coal mine worker (CWP) suffered injuries when a blasthole drill toppled on its side at a coal mine.</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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