

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 29 April 2022

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	25
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0042055 Open cut coal	An access ladder on a grader began to retract while the operator was climbing to the cabin. The cabin door was open and the operator had turned the battery isolator to the on position. The ladder retracted until it became jammed under the open cabin door. The operator was not injured.	Mine operators should regularly test and inspect moveable access systems in order to verify their correct operation. The frequency of test and inspections must be relative to the frequency of use and hazards associate with unintended activation. Secondary protective devices must be considered in order to reduce pinch points in the event of unintended activation.



Dangerous incident
IncNot0042051
Underground
metals
Ground or strata
failure

A fall of ground occurred when corroded roof bolts failed. The fall of material was estimated to be 1.5 tonnes. Nobody was in the area at the time.

Underground mine operators should review the adequacy of support that was installed historically under different support regimes. The review should check that the age of installed support is taken into account and that the support continues to be effective.



Refer to:

[Fall of ground risks at NSW underground metalliferous 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)	
US Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)	<p>On 26 January 2022, a dump truck rolled backward onto a 54-year-old miner while the miner was attempting to troubleshoot a brake issue. The dump truck operator was unaware that the miner was under the truck when he released the parking brake, allowing the dump truck to roll backward. This is the fifth fatality reported in 2022, and the first classified as 'powered haulage'. Best practices include blocking machinery against hazardous motion before performing repairs or maintenance and communicating with mobile equipment operators.</p> <p>Details</p>
National (other, non-fatal)	
SafeWork NSW	<p>Worksites across NSW will be safer following the launch of a new Scaffolding Industry Safety Standard, which provides a clear guide to prevent scaffolding-related injuries and deaths. The Safety Standard details practical management tools to principal contractors, scaffolders, engineers, and other parties involved in scaffolding work, ensuring best practice for the scaffolding industry. Minister for Fair Trading Eleni Petinos said the new standard was a critical step to ensuring everyone's safety in the workplace. "The Scaffolding Industry Safety Standard is an essential and comprehensive resource that provides practical guidance for those undertaking scaffolding work" Ms Petinos said.</p> <p>Details</p>
Resources Safety and Health Queensland	<p>A winch line counterweight became snagged during rig up operations, causing the steel wire rope to break. The counterweight dropped to the rig floor, resting near the Derrickman. No persons were injured, however, the 5.7 kg counterweight landed less than 1m from a rig worker. The rig crew were observing and monitoring the risk of the Bullhorn becoming entangled as the mast was raised. While raising the mast and observing other known risks, they did not observe the sand line counterweight was caught until the wire rope failed under tension. The critical control in this incident was the wire rope which failed when the counterweight was caught during the raising of the mast.</p> <p>Details</p>

Resources Safety and Health Queensland The Queensland Mineral Mines and Quarries Inspectorate has released its quarterly report for January to March 2022. This report has information about significant safety incidents that have occurred recently in the sector as well as statistical overviews of activity and trends. This information should be used by sites to improve safety awareness and outcomes.

[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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