

# WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 3 June 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	43
Summarised incident total	3

## Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0042265 Underground coal mine Fire or explosion 	A flame was observed on a flat return roller at the jib of a longwall drivehead and was extinguished immediately. The high reliability flat return roller was found to have an extra 30 mm of shims in the adjustment bracket that increased the load on the roller leading to a premature bearing failure.	Workers must be provided with suitable information to install infrastructure to meet the engineered design. Workers must follow this information to ensure the safe installation of fixed plant. Workers conducting conveyor inspections must be aware of the increased risk of roller failure at high tension areas of conveyors.



Dangerous incident  
IncNot0042266  
Underground  
metals mine

A fitter was working on a truck while the cab was tilted forward. While working, the fitter bumped the stay, allowing the cab to fall on him. Another worker helped free the fitter from under the cab. The fitter was not injured.

When working under a tilted cab or tray, the support stay must be secured to protect workers from being trapped, pinned or crushed. Stays require a two-step action to ensure they are adequately protected from inadvertent release.



Refer to:  
Investigation Information Release  
[IIR21-01 Worker pinned by falling loader cab](#)

High potential  
incident  
IncNot0042297  
Underground coal  
mine  
Fire or explosion

A deputy found a worker using a battery-powered reciprocating saw in a hazardous zone. The deputy immediately removed the saw and battery from the hazardous zone.

Mine operators must have systems in place to manage portable electrical apparatus used in underground coal mines. Only workers that have been trained and assessed as competent in the management, control and use of portable electrical apparatus should be



permitted to use this equipment in the underground parts of a coal mine. For use in a hazardous zone, a task specific risk assessment should be undertaken to determine the appropriate type of tool that can be used safely.

## 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
	<b>National (other, non-fatal)</b>
<b>Resources Safety &amp; Health Queensland</b>	<p>An incident occurred in an underground mine when a worker exited a light vehicle to open a barricade into a mobile equipment operating area. After exiting the vehicle, it rolled backwards, striking the worker with the open door and continued to travel down the decline for approximately 100 m. The vehicle came to rest after striking the decline wall with the tray. The worker sustained injuries as a result of the incident.</p> <p><a href="#">Details</a></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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