

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 7 February 2025

This incident summary provides information on reportable incidents and safety advice for the NSW mining industry. To report an incident to the 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	49
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0048482 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas	<p>A prime mover with a single trailer was moving coal between a washery and a train-loading facility when an issue occurred with the reverse gear. The trailer was being tipped when the coal hung-up in the top part of the trailer and caused it to tip over on its side. In the process, the prime mover also rolled onto its side.</p> <p>The location selected to tip the load had a 5% cross slope. The cross slope was enough to cause instability in the truck as the load was being tipped, resulting in the truck tipping onto its side.</p>	<p>Pre-task inspections of work areas should be undertaken to identify and manage any hazards that are present. Where the work area conditions change, workers should stop and reassess the area.</p> <p>This is particularly important when a task is being conducted in unusual circumstances such as tipping a load away from a designated dump area.</p>



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<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0048480</p> <p>Underground metals mine</p> <p>Fire or explosion</p> 	<p>A fire occurred on an underground haul truck as it was being refuelled.</p> <p>A breather hose came loose from a pipe, resulting in atomised diesel interacting with a hot surface.</p> 	<p>Mine operators should ensure that risk control measures to prevent underground fires are implemented and remain effective.</p> <p>Inspection regimes and housekeeping standards should be routinely examined to ensure minimum standards are met or exceeded.</p> <p>Mine operators should also ensure stringent monitoring and quality control of maintenance and repair activities.</p>
<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0048512</p> <p>Underground metals mine</p>	<p>A worker using an angle grinder to cut grid mesh repositioned the mesh on its edge to cut off some remaining tags.</p> <p>As the worker was placing the angle grinder on the ground, the grid mesh shifted, striking his right arm, which pushed the hand holding the angle grinder into the back of his lower right leg. This resulted in 2 lacerations and impacted underlying tissue. The worker had surgery to repair his Achilles tendon.</p>	<p>Angle grinders can be a dangerous power tool. When carrying our grinding activities, mine operators should have safe work practices in place and workers trained in those practices. During grinding activities, the work piece should be held firmly.</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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