

REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

Weekly incident summary

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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 and summarised in this report. For more comprehensive statistical data refer to our [Annual Performance Measures Reports](#).

Reportable incidents total

Level 1 incidents	Level 2 incidents	Level 3 incidents
34	6	0

Note: Incidents are categorised as Level 1, 2 or 3 according to the seriousness of the incident, with 3 being the most serious.

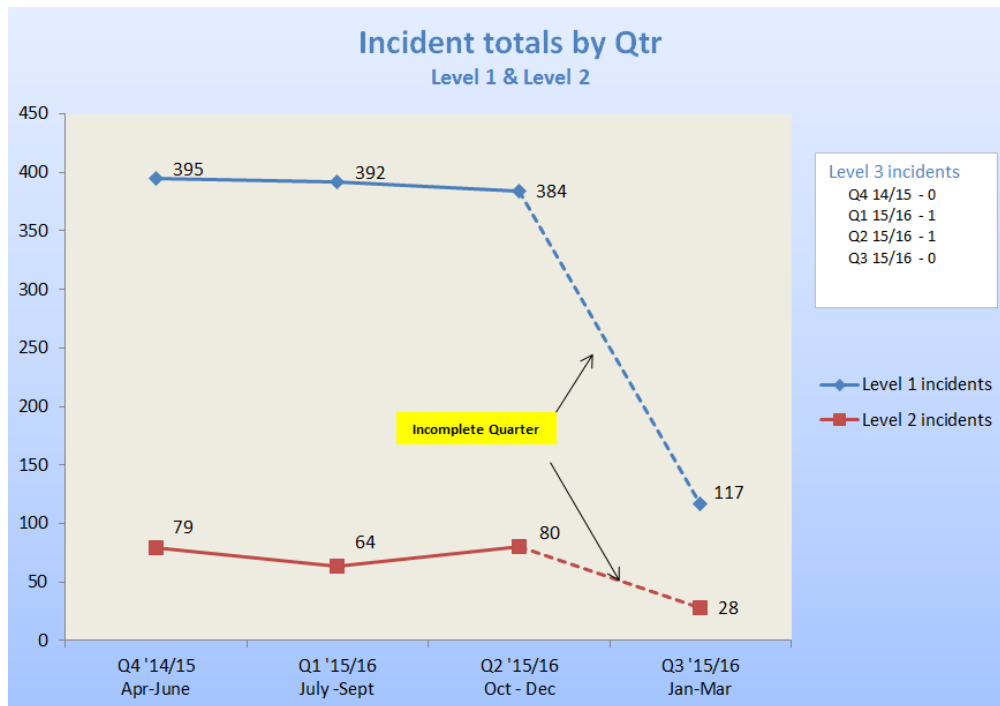
Injuries	Fatalities
9	0

Reportable incidents overview

Note: While all incidents are investigated, generally only level 2 and 3 incidents are summarised below.

Level	Incident type	Summary	Comment to industry
2	Gas 317658323001	A number of notifications for methane levels greater than 2.5% by volume have been reported from underground coal mine operations.	Operators should review the adequacy of gas drainage and ventilation systems such that methane levels in areas where people work or travel are as low as reasonably practicable.
2	Mech Equipment 317658358001	SMV collided with water pump out line - Operator misjudged distance from off side of vehicle to pipe range.	Ensure infrastructure installed in transport roads is above machine height where possible, or adequately delineated to reduce the risk of collision.
2	Mech Equipment 317658289001	Front end loader backed into a parked utility. Operator could not see the vehicle due to the articulated position.	Mine operators need to ensure that positive communication occurs during light/heavy vehicle interaction and that light vehicles have designated parking away from the heavy vehicle movement.
2	Work Environment 317658388001	Small heating and smouldering of material at a conveyor tripper drive when a rib bolt from longwall was caught in transfer.	Where possible capture rib bolts at the face and position magnets to reduce the likelihood of bolts passing transfers.

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2	Work Environment 317658374001	An underground loader collided with two parked light vehicles. Positive communication between operators was not established, rather assumed. No injuries sustained yet significant damage to property.	Mine operators must consider the impact of organisational and human behaviour factors when assessing risk and determining effective critical controls.



Recent incident publications

No recent incident publications published.

You can find all our incident related publications (i.e. safety alerts, safety bulletins, incident information releases, weekly incident summaries and investigation reports) on our [website](#).

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