

## REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

# Weekly incident summary

**19 October 2016**

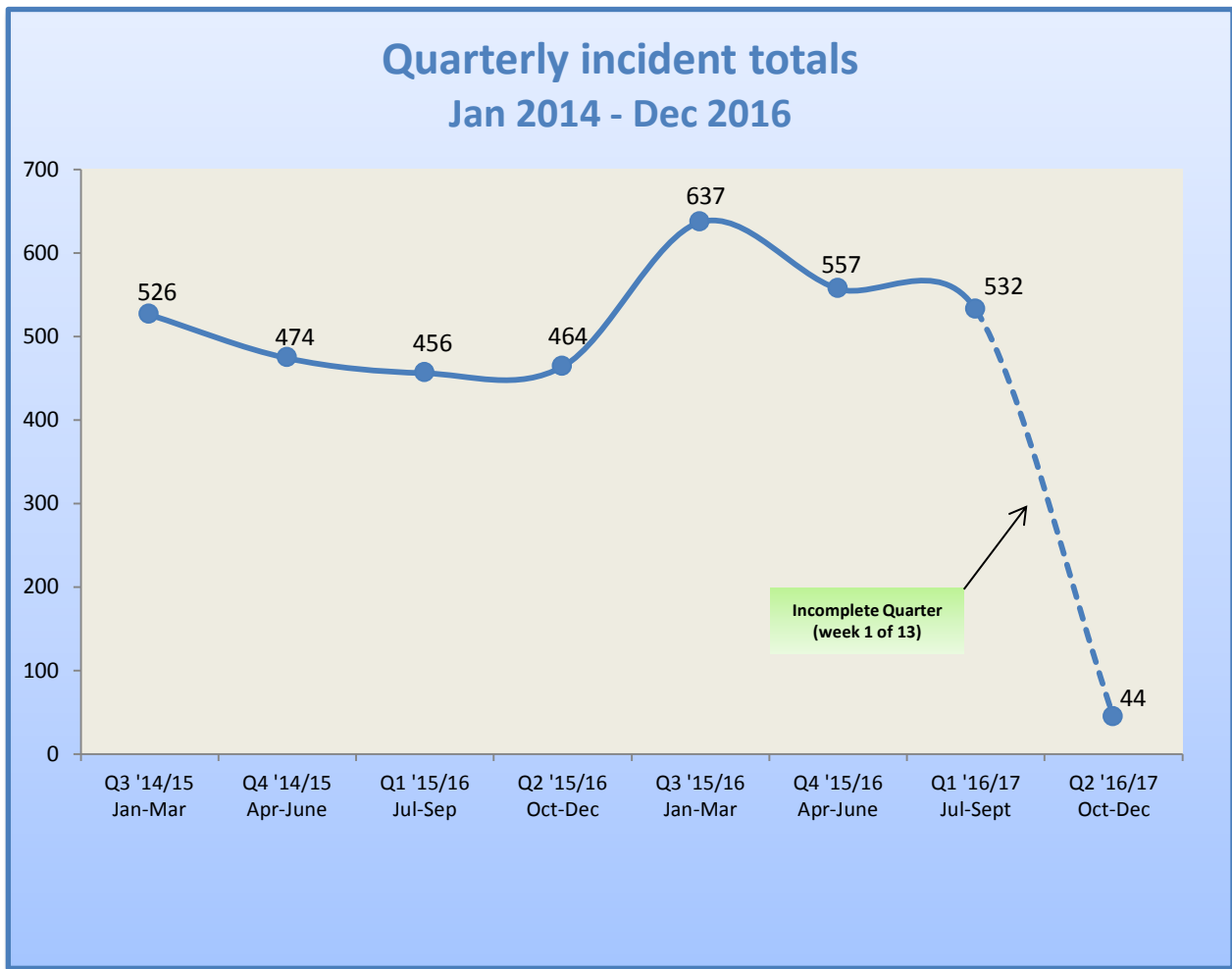
*Note: While the majority of incidents are reported and recorded within a week of the event, some are notified outside this time period. The incidents in this report therefore have not necessarily occurred in a one week period. All newly recorded incidents, whatever the incident date, are reviewed by the Chief Inspector and senior staff each week. For more comprehensive statistical data refer to our [Annual Performance Measures Reports](#).*

To report an incident call **1300 814 609** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**Reportable incidents total: 44 Summarised Incidents: 2**

**Summarised Incidents** – incidents of note for which operators should consider the comments provided and determine if action needs to be taken.

Incident type	Summary	Comment to industry
High Potential Incident SInNot 2016/00545	Fire on surface belt – a fire occurred on a conveyor belt that loads onto the train loader/hopper. It's believed that the fire was due to the head roller heating up, causing the belt to catch fire and eventually split in half. The belt was not running at the time but had been used earlier in the day.	Mines should assess surface conveyors and assign regular inspection schedules based on risk. Defects noted in inspection reports should be acknowledged in the system and actions assigned.
Dangerous Incident SInNot 2016/00537	A haul truck became bogged on a waste dump road that was not in active use. The operator had driven onto the road to allow another truck to enter a nearby active tip head. The operator observed water pooling on the inactive road. However, in order to turn the truck around the operator had to travel through a pool of water. When the truck drove into the water the driver's side sank up to the tray.  Truck operators had been advised at the pre-start meeting not to enter or use the inactive road due to the pooling of water in that area. However, no hard barriers were in place. Significant rainfall had occurred at the mine over previous weeks.	Mine operators should ensure waste dump design, construction methodologies and procedures are established that consider the strength, size distribution and consistency of the materials to be used in the construction of waste dump. This should include geotechnical consideration of the potential for voids, slumping and subsidence areas to form, particularly following significant rainfall events.  Formal planned inspection of waste dumps should be undertaken by competent persons to ensure the dumps are constructed and operated to the mine design and operating standards.  Hard barriers should be maintained in place to prevent access to identified exclusion zones.



## Recent incident publications

No recent incident notifications.

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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