

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
36	4	0

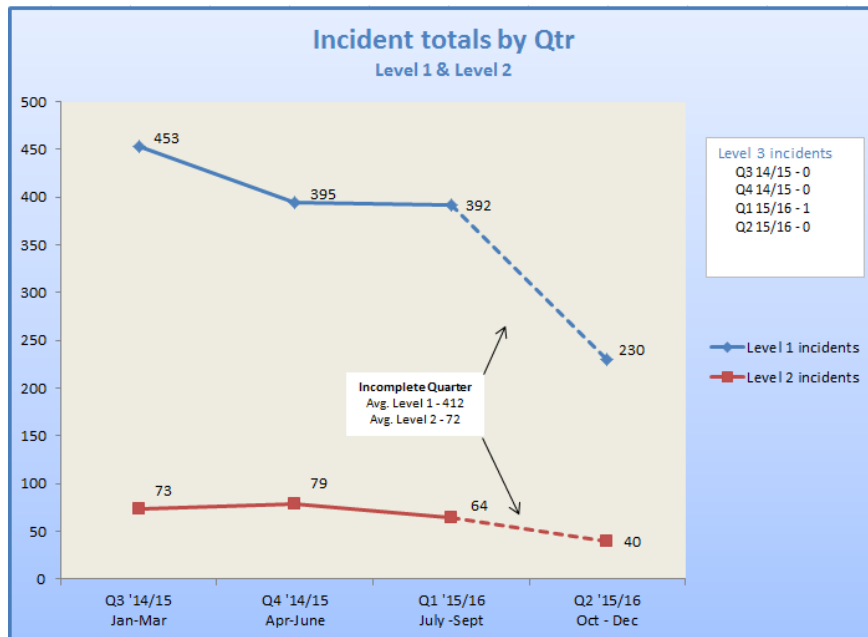
Note: Incidents are categorised as Level 1, 2 or 3 according to the seriousness of the incident, with 3 being the most serious.

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	Mech Equip 317657252001	In service failure of SMV park brake due to poor adjustment.	Review park brake testing and schedule for park brake maintenance.
2	Gas 317657248001	During the continuous miner underground operations, a methane gas frictional ignition occurred. While completing the final cutting cycle, trimming 300mm of coal tops from the roof, a gas blower was exposed when the cutter head picks came in contact with the stone roof. This resulted in a small flame emitting from the upper right hand side of the working face.	Mine operators are reminded of the need to prevent frictional ignitions occurring during cutting cycles. The primary controls for these include adequate face ventilation and the prevention of sparking via horizon control, sprays, pick selection etc. Mine operators working under immediate conglomerate roof should also consider mounting first aid fire hoses on all continuous miners.
2	Gas 317657262001	Loss of main ventilation system (back up surface diesel fan failed to start). LW E6 monitor detected up 3.97% CH4 max.	Men were withdrawn as per withdrawal procedures. Ensure that backup power supplies are maintained to a high standard to ensure reliability.
2	Work Environment 317657254001	A grid power supply fault caused power underground to be lost. Only exit from mine was to walk up drifts.	Consider back up power supplies for emergency man winding systems.



Recent incident publications

Type	Identifier	Title	Date published
Safety alert	SA15-06	Sudden burst of truck tyre	9 December 2015
Incident information release	IIR15-04	Moolarben highwall failure	3 December 2015

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