



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
39	4	0

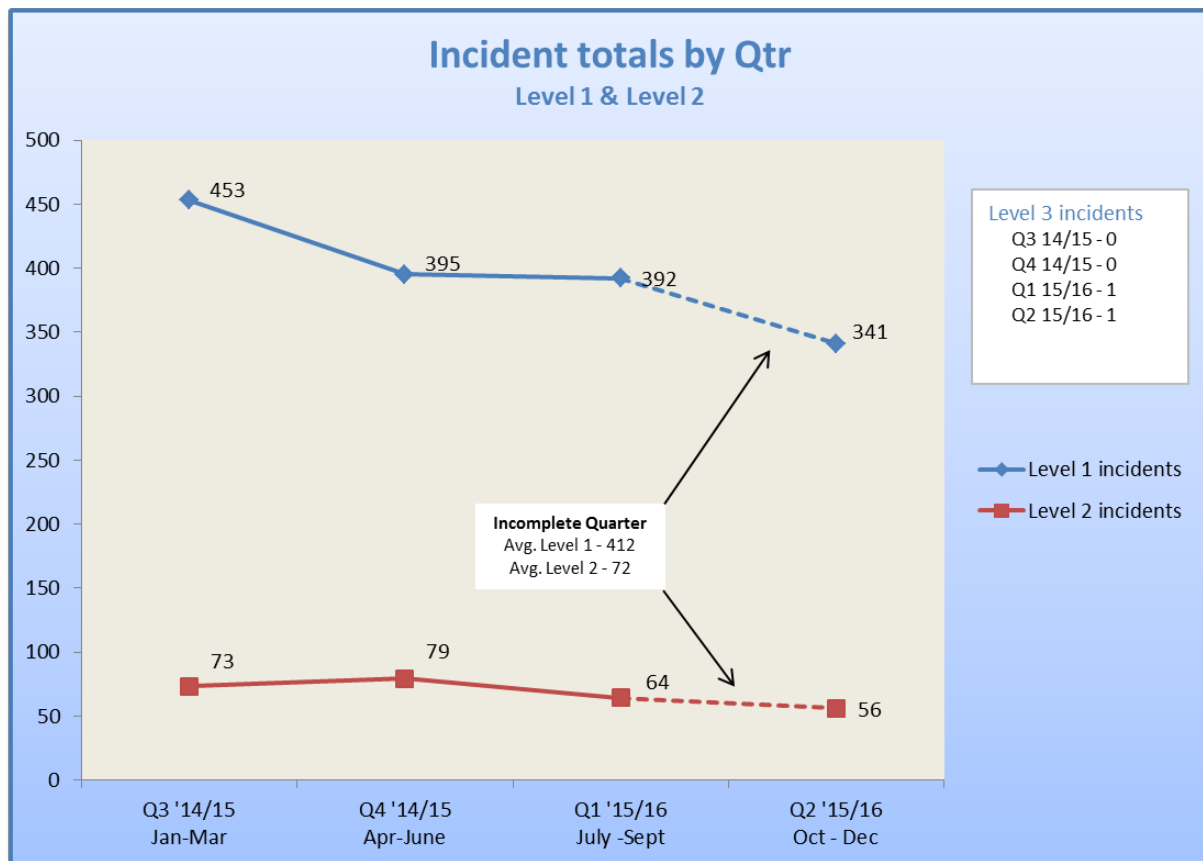
Note: Incidents are categorised as Level 1, 2 or 3 according to the seriousness of the incident, with 3 being the most serious.

Injuries	Fatalities
5	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 31765706001	Failure of a towing chain on a cable tower that resulted in a broken chain link striking a person.	Towing chains should meet applicable Australian Standards and a tow ring should be provided on each tow chain set. For more information on towing chains see Safety Bulletin SB09-03 Broken pull chain results in fatality
2	Mech Equip 317657596001	Failure of swaged joint under air pressure.	See Safety Alert published 17 Dec 2015 – SA15-08 Worker seriously injured when pipe failed pressure test .
2	Elect Energy 317657494001	Smoke observed coming from diesel motor of a pugmill. It appears electrical wiring off the starter motor overheated and burnt off the terminal, causing damage to the cable, split conduit and adjacent cables.	Mine operators need to ensure that plant maintenance activities are appropriate for the type of plant, the environment in which it works and the duty cycle of the plant.
2	Mech Equipment 317657550001	A drill rig reversed into a service truck that was about to commence refuelling, pushing the truck approximately one meter to the side.	Plant operators need to use positive communication when in close proximity to other mobile equipment.



Recent incident publications

Type	Identifier	Title	Date published
Safety alert	SA15-08	Worker seriously injured when pipe failed pressure test.	17 December 2015

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