

# WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 25 June 2021

This incident summary provides information on reportable incidents and safety advice for the NSW mining industry. To report an incident to the NSW 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	38
Summarised incident total	2

## Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0040141 Open cut coal mine  Roads or other vehicle operating areas	The operator of a dump truck parked on a dump to allow hot seat changeover. The operator was unable to activate the primary access ladder to exit the truck. After several attempts, the operator restarted the truck, exited via the emergency ladder and then activated the ground level e-stop and isolation switch. The truck then rolled forward approximately 50 metres, contacted a windrow and rolled back approximately 17 metres before stopping. The truck was not parked in a fundamentally stable manner.	Changeover between operators should take place at designated park up areas where possible. When this cannot occur, operators should put equivalent controls in place to manage the risk of vehicles rolling away, including fundamentally stable parking.



Dangerous incident  
IncNot0040165  
Metals processing

A rigger had completed lift activities and was dismantling a scaffold. While climbing onto the ladder, the rigger ducked under a handrail, missed the first step and fell three metres to the ground. The rigger was not wearing any fall protection equipment.



Mine operators must ensure that there are effective controls in place to manage the risk of falls while climbing on and off scaffolding ladders. All workers, who install or work on scaffolding, should be familiar with site scaffolding procedures. This should include design and construction requirements and necessary safety equipment, such as fall protection equipment.

## Other publications of interest

These incidents are included for your review. The NSW Resources Regulator does not endorse the findings or recommendations of these incidents. It is your legal duty to exercise due diligence to ensure the business complies with its work health and safety obligations.

## PUBLICATION

## ISSUE/TOPIC

**International (fatal)****MSHA**

**Mine fatality** – On 7 June 2021, a miner entered the top of a primary feed hopper to break up and remove a large rock. Raw material that remained on the sides of the hopper sloughed off and engulfed the miner.

[Details](#)

**National (other, non-fatal)**

**Resources Safety  
and Health,  
Queensland  
(Coal)**

**High potential incidents – April periodical**

[Details](#)

**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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