

# WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 13 November 2020

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	42
Summarised incident total	2

## Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0038618 Underground metals mine	An apprentice received an electric shock when his abdomen touched the vice that was holding the item he was welding. 	Workers undertaking welding activities should remain insulated from the welding job. Mine operators should verify that workers carrying out welding activities have identified appropriate earthing points, their personal protection equipment (PPE) is dry and they are appropriately trained. Refer to: <a href="#">Safety Bulletin SB19-03 Welding-related electric shocks increase</a> <a href="#">NSW Resources Regulator Information Sheet No.2: Basic welding practices</a>

Dangerous incident  
IncNot0038632  
Underground  
metals mine

While travelling down an incline a light vehicle’s brakes failed. The operator steered the vehicle into the wall to bring it to a stop. The operator was not injured.

Mine operators should ensure defect reporting and pre-start inspections are being used effectively to maintain safe operating vehicles.



Roads or other  
vehicle operating  
areas



Operators should review their maintenance procedures, to ensure commissioning checks are carried out by competent people, before plant is returned to service as fit-for-purpose.

Safety critical systems, such as braking and steering systems, should be inspected, maintained and tested in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

All vehicle drivers should be trained in what to do in the case of brake failure.

## NSW Resources Regulator publications

- [IIR20-15 - Worker receives crush injury to foot from hydraulic stabilising jack on jumbo rig](#)

## Other publications of interest

The 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
	<b>International (other, non-fatal)</b>
<b>MinEx NZ</b>	<p><b>Another ADT roll-over</b></p> <p>A loaded ADT was on a ramp leaving the pit as the operator attempted to merge onto a haul road. As he turned onto the haul road the tray overturned and the cab of the articulated truck remained upright.</p> <p><a href="#">Details</a></p>

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

**DNRME (Qld)**

**Worker seriously injured by retractable ladder - Mines Safety alert No.382**

Recently on a Central Queensland Surface Coal Mine an excavator retractable access ladder was in the process of lifting, when a coal mine worker (CMW) positioned themselves near the top of the ladder, facing the machine room wall. The ladder completed its lifting cycle and trapped the workers foot between the floor and the rotating handrail.

[Details](#)

**Safe Work SA**

**Unplanned initiation of explosives**

On 29 October 2020 SafeWork SA received notification of an explosive’s incident in an underground mine. The health and safety of underground workers was put at risk following the unplanned electronic initiation of two development headings. The development headings were unintentionally initiated at the same time as a decline heading, which was planned to be fired independently.

[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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