

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 14 April 2023

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

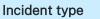
High level summary of emerging trends and our recommendations to operators.

Туре	Number
Reportable incident total	39
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0044457	An excavator was being used to prepare old haul truck tyres for transport across the mine. The tyres were being stacked in piles of 3.	When planning tasks, the suitability of equipment must be considered.
Open cut coal mine	While stacking a tyre, the excavator operator lost control of the tyre and it slipped off the stack and slid towards the excavator. The excavator operator tried unsuccessfully to reverse the excavator away from the approaching tyre. The tyre hit the front of the excavator cab, shattering the windscreen and came to rest on the tracks. The worker was uninjured.	While the risk of an unplanned movement of the tyres was identified, the work instruction did not specify how the tyres were to be stored and did not preclude stacking. Ample room was available, there was no need to stack the tyres.

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Dangerous incident IncNot0044453 Open cut coal mine A worker was walking through a coal handling plant. As he was walking, a piece of flooring gave way, falling about 2.5 metres. The worker did not fall and was not injured. The investigation noted that corrosion was identified during a structural integrity audit.



Where defects are not immediately rectified, controls must be put in place to protect workers from known hazards. Where these controls are anticipated to be in place for some time, systems should be put in place to verify that the controls remain effective over time.

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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