

# Weekly incident summary

## Week ending 13 October 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.

Type	Number
Reportable incident total	40
Summarised incident total	4


### Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0045600 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas 	The rear trailer of an A-double combination rolled while being unloaded. The truck was being used to haul reject material. 	When hauling material, an appropriate style of trailer should be selected considering the characteristics of the material being hauled.  Trucks should only be unloaded on suitable ground considering the grade and surface condition, not on wet, soft ground.

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<p data-bbox="113 208 395 371">Dangerous incident IncNot0045597 Underground coal mine</p>	<p data-bbox="395 208 1011 371">The corrugated iron roof on a surface conveyor was damaged by stone. It was secured with rope. During high winds, the rope failed, ripping a sheet of iron from the structure. The sheet fell to the ground. Nobody was in the area at the time.</p> 	<p data-bbox="1011 208 1477 398">When plant is damaged, it must be made safe and left in a state suitable to continue operating. Any interim repairs must be conducted to a standard that poses no further risk.</p>
<p data-bbox="113 864 395 999">Dangerous incident IncNot0045591 Surface coal mine</p>	<p data-bbox="395 864 1011 1032">A drilling operator was hit on the head and leg by a falling auger. The auger came loose and fell while installing the auger segment. The worker was wearing a hard hat and was given first aid treatment for a graze on their head.</p> 	<p data-bbox="1011 864 1477 1178">Designers and operators of drilling plant such as augers and exploration drill rigs should review the method used to secure drill rods/augers. Engineering controls should be incorporated to ensure drill rods/augers are not released before being engaged and to protect workers from any falling drill rods/augers.</p>

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Dangerous incident IncNot0045563 Underground metals mine	<p>A worker was driving an articulated dump truck when they reached for a drink bottle. The truck hit a windrow, rode over the windrow and the tub rolled.</p> 	<p>When operating mobile plant, workers must remain focused on controlling the item of plant and their surroundings. Mobile plant should be safely stopped before carrying out tasks that remove the focus from safely operating plant.</p>

### 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 (fatal)</b>
<b>MSHA</b>	<p>On September 12, 2023, a haul truck operator died after his haul truck backed through the berm at a dump point and became submerged in a pond.</p> <p><a href="#">Details</a></p>

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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