

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 6 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	43
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0045527 Underground coal	Two fitters sustained electric shocks when carrying out maintenance on a continuous miner. They reported feeling the shocks when they were touching the continuous miner and the rib at the same time.	The electrical engineering control plan for a mine must set out the control measures to manage risks to health and safety from electricity at each mine. When developing the control plan all electrical sources need to be considered including induced and static charge. Refer to Safety Bulletin SB20-03 Electric shocks in the mining industry .
Dangerous incident IncNot0045537 Underground metals	While in the process of lifting a screen with a motor attached, the dogman climbed onto the screen to adjust the lifting chains and radioed the crane operator to take the weight. The screen lifted on one side and, with only one corner touching the ground, tipped on an angle of 45 degrees. It proceeded to rotate 180 degrees. The crane operator lowered the screen and the dogman climbed to the ground.	Mine operators should review how workers and supervisors are trained to recognise the potential hazards associated with all energy sources, including those during lifting activities. Workers must be trained and competent in the use of equipment that is under their control. When lifting objects with slings or chains, controls must be put in place to manage the risk of unplanned movement.

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Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
		

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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