

# Weekly incident summary

## Week ending 2 February 2024

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	31
Summarised incident total	3

### Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0046232 Underground metals mine Fire or explosion	An air conditioner condenser unit at the rear of an operator's cabin on a long-hole drill rig caught fire while it was underground.  A fitter was inspecting a fault on the unit and observed fire and smoke. The fire was extinguished immediately by the fitter and the driller.	Mine operators should ensure that risk control measures to prevent the occurrence of fires, and the escalation and response to underground fires, are implemented and remain effective. Inspection regimes, housekeeping standards and emergency response procedures should be routinely examined to ensure minimum standards are met or exceeded.  Mine operators should ensure stringent monitoring and quality control of maintenance and repair activities.



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<p data-bbox="113 232 264 304">Dangerous incident</p> <p data-bbox="113 322 325 353">IncNot0046267</p> <p data-bbox="113 376 352 448">Underground coal mine</p>	<p data-bbox="389 232 970 488">While in the process of repairing a rear door of a bobcat, a fitter had his hand in the pinch point while trying to line up and fit a new bolt to the bottom hinge. The load shifted and the bottom of the door swung out crushing and severing his left-hand index finger against a thin piece of metal.</p> <p data-bbox="389 510 932 654">The bottom bolts had sheared off the hinge and a fitter was attempting to repair it. His offside was holding the weight of the door when the load shifted.</p> 	<p data-bbox="1011 232 1469 488">Identifying potential pinch points and associated hazards should be undertaken before commencing any task, and controls to prevent workers from putting any part of their body in the pinch point should be implemented.</p> <p data-bbox="1011 510 1458 618">Procedures for tasks such as fitting of doors should include the risks associated with pinch points.</p>
<p data-bbox="113 1111 264 1182">Dangerous incident</p> <p data-bbox="113 1200 320 1232">IncNot0046231</p> <p data-bbox="113 1254 301 1326">Open cut coal mine</p>	<p data-bbox="389 1111 954 1218">The rear trailer of a road registered B-double side-tipper truck rolled over while unloading rejects on the ROM pad.</p> <p data-bbox="389 1240 963 1312">The load was a mixture of belt press filter and coarse rejects with about 21 tonne in trailer.</p> 	<p data-bbox="1011 1111 1458 1218">Mine operators should consider the most appropriate truck type for the material being transported.</p> <p data-bbox="1011 1240 1458 1424">The stability of articulated vehicles is a known risk that needs to be managed at mines and was the subject of a compliance priority program in 2018.</p> <p data-bbox="1011 1447 1406 1509">Refer to the following outcome report for more information:</p> <p data-bbox="1011 1532 1458 1603"><u><a href="#">Articulated truck rollovers and falls from mobile plant</a></u></p>

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### 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>National (fatal)</b>
<b>WorkSafe Victoria</b>	<p>There have been 2 separate incidents during the decanting and blending of flammable liquids resulting in 2 fatalities and other serious injuries. The incidents are believed to have occurred when static electricity discharged within a hazardous area resulted in an explosion and fire. A hazardous area is an area where vapours, fumes, gases, and mists may create a flammable or explosive atmosphere. Sources of ignition must not be present within these areas to manage the risk of fire and explosion. Flammable liquids can create clouds of flammable vapour when exposed to the air. This can occur through open containers, pouring, mixing, or from a spill or leak. Vapour clouds are often invisible and can build up quickly. If an ignition source is present in the area, it may cause a fire or explosion.</p> <p><a href="#">Details</a></p>
	<b>National (other, non-fatal)</b>
<b>NT WorkSafe</b>	<p>A Darwin worker suffered severe injuries when he was crushed by a bundle of steel weighing over 1.2 tonnes. The incident occurred last year as 2 workers were loading bundles of steel onto a trailer using a forklift. The injured worker, who was a subcontractor, was acting as a spotter and standing on the opposite side of the trailer from the forklift, when a load slipped from the forklift tynes as it was being lowered. Initial reports of the incident to NT WorkSafe indicated the worker had suffered life threatening injuries. Fortunately, the worker survived but suffered multiple fractures throughout his body and was hospitalised for 2 months.</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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