

REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

Weekly incident summary

26 October 2016

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](#).

To report an incident call 1300 814 609 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Reportable incidents total: 46 Summarised Incidents: 7

Summarised Incidents – incidents of note for which operators should consider the comments provided and determine if action needs to be taken.

Incident type	Summary	Comment to industry
Dangerous incident SInNot 2016/00601	Two trucks collided in a loading area after one truck malfunctioned. The driver accidentally activated the accelerator instead of the brake.	Mines should review procedures related to equipment working in close proximity, particularly in and around dig and dump areas. Where safe distances cannot be maintained, protocols should be in place for people working in the area so they are aware of the hazards and able to fully control the risks. Although only a direct contributing factor to this incident, sites should review the adequacy of their management systems in relation to responding to equipment faults.
Dangerous incident SInNot 2016/00600	The operator cabin of a 9250 face shovel broke away from its mounts and fell onto the tracks of the excavator. A temporary welding job was undertaken to address a recognised problem with the cabin retention bolts.	The person with management or control of the plant at a workplace must ensure that the maintenance, inspection and, if necessary, testing of the plant is carried out by a competent person. Temporary repairs to identified mechanical defects must be under the supervision of the statutory mechanical engineer or mechanical engineering manager (for coal mines), or otherwise competent engineer (for non-coal mines).
Dangerous incident SInNot 2016/00594	A 100 t crane was moving rolls of conveyor belting from one pad to another. While the crane was repositioning, the boom unexpectedly slewed 90 degrees, causing the crane to topple, striking the cabin of an adjacent truck. It was possible the slew lock pin was not positively engaged and the slew brake was not manually activated.	Cranes should not be moved with jibs raised unless there is no practical alternative. All OEM instructions should be complied with including having the lock pin in place and the slew brakes applied. Dead-man functionality should be tested at pre-start and other maintenance periods.

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High potential incident SInNot 2016/00590	A parked vehicle rolled into another vehicle because of faulty park brake adjustment.	Operators should monitor contractor light vehicles to confirm appropriate pre-start checks and maintenance is being done on service and park brakes. Parking procedures for light vehicles should reflect site conditions and the risk of a vehicle rolling away.
High potential incident SInNot 2016/00625	An underground coal mine reported a series of methane exceedances greater than 2% in the longwall tailgate.	An intervention by the regulator conveyed a zero tolerance position to production-driven exceedances. Mines should assess ventilation and methane drainage systems to provide positive control of methane levels. TARPs relating to methane levels should be set such that production activities are stopped without an exceedance resulting.
Dangerous incident SInNot 2016/00583	A light vehicle rolled over onto the off driver's side after reversing over the toe of a nearby embankment.	All workers must take reasonable care for their health and safety and comply with the mine operator's safety procedures and standards on site, e.g. they should comply with maximum speed limits. Mine operators should consider risk controls that include contingencies for operator errors, e.g. bunds and delineated exclusion zones.
Complaint SInNot 2016/00580	A concern was raised in relation to working in an area potentially at risk of flooding during recent bad weather.	The site was inspected by a Mine Safety inspector and no imminent risk of flooding was observed at that time. However, mine operators are reminded that mine designs and operating plans should consider all foreseeable hazards. If flooding is identified as a hazard, then appropriate controls should be put in place to manage the risk. See recently published Safety Bulletin: SB16-04 Mines and severe weather events ¹

¹ http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/679164/SB16-04-Safety-bulletin-Weather-and-flooding-5-Oct-2016.pdf



Recent incident publications

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