

REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

Weekly incident summary

28 September 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](#).

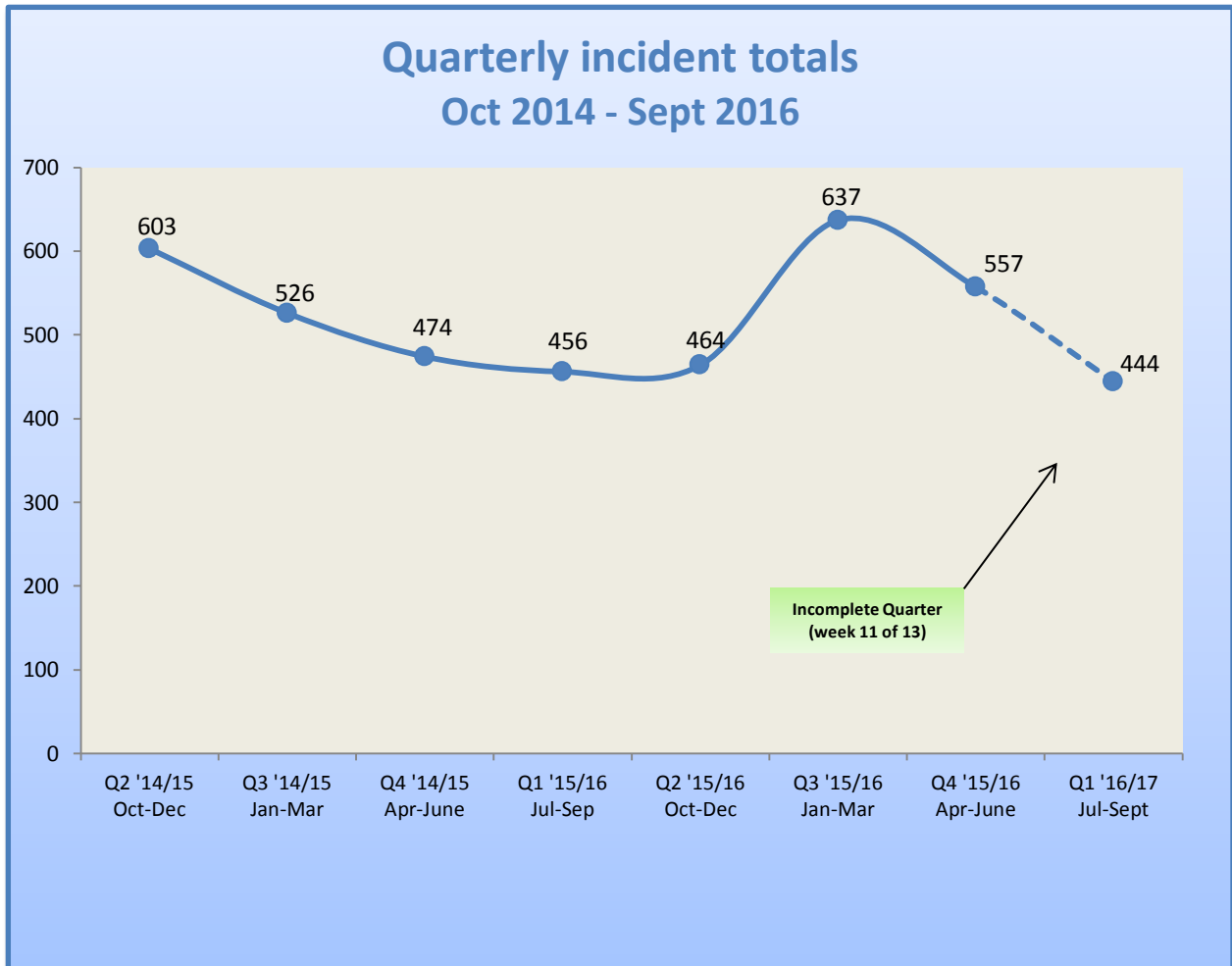
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Reportable incidents total: 37 Summarised Incidents: 3

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
Complaint SInNot 2016/0438	The department has received a complaint in which the complainant believes he has been subjected to bullying and harassment over a period of approximately 18 months.	The complaint is being investigated by the department. Information on bullying and harassment is available on our website . Safe Work Australia also publishes guides to preventing and responding to workplace bullying and a worker's guide to dealing with bullying. See their website for more details.
Serious injury SInNot 2016/0442	A truck driver fell to the ground from the tray of a truck while securing a load. The driver sustained a fractured pelvis.	Review all tasks that are performed at height and consider ways to perform them at ground level, or from a solid platform. Where possible, configure loads so there is no need to access the tray or trailer. If the task cannot be done on the ground or from a solid platform, consider a fall protection device such as a temporary work platform or guard rail. Minimise the use of chains and webbing by using systems to reduce or eliminate the need for chains and webbing e.g. coil containment system, pin, pegs, posts, headboards or goose-neck on a drop-deck trailer to help block the load. If chains must be used, use chains with non-rebounding tensioners.
Dangerous incident SInNot 2016/0444	A contract driller was preparing to drill out part of a trim shot. While walking towards the other driller, some 10 rocks fell approximately 20 metres from the berm above. They landed at the toe (base) of the face. However, one rock	Mine operators should ensure that all highwalls are regularly inspected and monitored for potential areas of instability/poor ground conditions. Inspections should include detailed geotechnical assessment.

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	approximately 15 cm in diameter flew across the quarry floor some 20 metres and landed approximately 5 metres in front of the driller.	<p>Safe Work Procedures should be implemented when working in proximity to high walls.</p> <p>Audits should be conducted to ensure that procedures for working near highwalls are effectively implemented.</p>



Recent incident publications

Type	Identifiers	Title	Date Published
Safety Alert	SA 16-05	Firefighting component issues identified	21 Sept 2016
Safety Alert	SA 16-04	Rock falls on loader operator	20 Sept 2016
Safety Alert	SA 16-03	Opal miner injured	20 Sept 2016

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