

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 14 March 2025

This incident summary provides information on reportable incidents and safety advice for the NSW mining industry. To report an incident to the 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	44
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0048701 Underground metals mine Ground or strata failure	<p>A face drill rig (jumbo) was working within a drive and drilling for ground support when the supported cut that was above it collapsed onto the machine. The operator was able to kick the back window out and exit the machine.</p> <p>The fall of ground was about 5 m x 5 m x 3 m.</p>	This incident is under investigation and further information will be published shortly.




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<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0048716 Open cut coal mine</p>	<p>A fourth year auto electrical apprentice was fault finding on an electrical pressure sensor on the right-hand front strut of a CAT 775G service truck.</p> <p>After finding no fault on the electrical pressure sensor, a supervisor directed him to test the strut's internal pressure at the charge valve.</p> <p>Rather than attaching the original equipment manufacturer (OEM)-recommended pressure-measuring assembly, the apprentice unscrewed the charge valve, resulting in the forcible ejection of the valve and the contents of the strut, including nitrogen and hydraulic oil. The worker was covered with oil from the valve port.</p> <p>Under the weight of the truck, the strut retracted allowing the truck to fall about 200 mm and pushing the worker from the step ladder from which he was working.</p>	<p>Supervisors have a duty to ensure that workers under their care are not exposed to dangerous situations. Supervisors should be trained to recognise the potential hazards associated with all energy sources and should assess the risks involved when working with pressurised systems and have appropriate controls in place to manage the risk.</p> <p>Mine operators should have documented safe systems of work for the maintenance or repair of wheel strut charge valves with the documentation being readily available to those undertaking such tasks. OEM recommendations must be considered when developing procedures for tasks.</p>
<p>Serious illness IncNot0048728 Open cut coal mine</p>	<p>A contract worker overseeing the electrical repairs of a heat detection sensor suffered a suspected heart attack.</p>	<p>When having to undertake a rescue, mine operators are required to notify the NSW Police as soon as they become aware a rescue is required.</p>



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	<p>The mine worker had to be rescued from an elevated gantry to allow for them to be transported to hospital via helicopter.</p> 	<p>This is a requirement under the NSW Emergency Management Plan, via the Mine Sub Plan.</p> <p>The most appropriate method for notifying the NSW Police is to call 000.</p>

Other Resources publications

Investigation information release IIR25-03 Haul truck collides with excavator

A haul truck and an excavator collided at Mt Arthur North open cut coal mine on 20 February 2025.

The Resources Regulator has issued an investigation information release into the incident that occurred near Muswellbrook in the Hunter Valley.

The haul truck reversed towards the excavator without positive communications established between the operators. The excavator operator tried to move the excavator out of the truck's path but was unable to do so because of the large size of the truck and the position of the excavator on the bench.

The rear of the truck and its tailgate collided with the side of the excavator's cabin. This caused the front left side pillar of the excavator to be pushed inward towards the operator and the cabin roof forced upward. Extensive damage was occasioned to the excavator's cabin and the operator was unable to exit the cabin using the normal means of egress.

An emergency was called and an operation was commenced to free the excavator operator. The excavator operator was eventually freed from the cabin uninjured.

[Read the full investigation information release: IIR25-03](#)

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Other publications of interest

The incidents are included for your review. The 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
	National (other, non-fatal)
Resources Safety & Health Queensland	Incident periodical for February 2025 - Coal Inspectorate This month's periodical looks at several high potential incidents that occurred during the last quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serious accident (fall of person)• Electrical cable damage• Microsleep (psychosocial)• Collision with other equipment. <u>Details</u>

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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