

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 6 June 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	36
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents


Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0049222 Underground coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas	<p>A stationary load haul dump machine (LHD), with a Brain tank trailer attached, was hit by a travelling LHD that caused the stationary LHD to be pushed backwards.</p> <p>A worker was hit on the shoulder by the Brain tank as the stationary LHD was pushed back.</p>	<p>When operating an LHD, the implement should be positioned to maximise the operator's vision.</p> <p>Plant parked in roadways should be visually delineated to minimise the risk of collision with other plant.</p>




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<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0049224 Underground coal mine</p>	<p>While trying to close a breaker on a distribution board, an electrician suffered burns from an arc flash.</p> <p>A racking handle that was used to operating the racking mechanism of the circuit breakers made contact with a phase and the enclosure frame (i.e. earthed), causing a phase-to-earth fault and a subsequent arc blast.</p> 	<p>This incident is under investigation.</p>

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<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0049209 Underground metals mine</p>	<p>A maintenance trades assistant was trying to replace an empty oil pod from the top of an oil rack.</p> <p>Access to the pod by forklift was hindered by other pods on the ground.</p> <p>The assistant tried to manually move the empty pod forward so the pod could be picked up without the slipper tynes on the forklift.</p> <p>As the assistant pulled the pod forward, he was not aware the pod still contained about 70 litres of oil. The momentum of the oil in the pod caused the pod to topple off the rack and hit the assistant, causing minor injuries. The pod hit another 2 pods on the way to the ground, shielding the assistant to a degree, before coming to rest on the ground.</p> <p>The task required the use of slipper tynes.</p>	<p>Workers have a legislative duty to care for their own health and safety and that of others (s28 <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2011</i>). One of the duties is to cooperate with any reasonable policy or procedure. Failure to comply with a duty is an offence, for which penalties apply.</p> <p>Site procedures are developed to help protect workers from injury or illness. Where a procedure exists for a particular task, workers should follow the procedure. Any deviation from a procedure should be discussed first with a supervisor and appropriate risk control measures put in place.</p>

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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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