

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 22 August 2025

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	52
Summarised incident total	3



Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comm to industry
Dangerous Incident IncNot0049667 Surface Operations Leave blank	During construction work, a worker (IP) was installing high-pressure pipe when a coil of pipe recoiled unexpectedly, striking the worker's head. The pipe was being unspooled from a 3-meter-tall wooden frame. While the IP was positioned approximately 10 meters from the work area behind a shipping container, the loose end of the pipe unspooled and struck the ground with enough force to rebound and strike the IP's helmet above the ear. The impact caused the worker to lose consciousness for about 20 seconds. The helmet cracked upon impact. The IP was transported to the hospital for further examination. Initial findings suggest the amount of stored energy in the pipe was	Mine operators must ensure that the hazard of pipe recoil is identified in relevant risk assessments and appropriate controls are implemented to prevent workers being exposed to the relevant risk.

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	<p>greater than in previous spools, contributing to the severity of the recoil</p> 	
<p>Dangerous Incident</p> <p>IncNot0049665</p> <p>Surface workshop</p> <p>Leave blank</p>	<p>A worker was conducting repairs to a CAT 789D haul truck when they fell backwards from the left-hand steering tie rod, hitting their back, shoulder and head on the ground. The impact resulted in a laceration to the back of the head.</p> 	<p>When conducting work at height, mine operators must ensure that hazards are identified and controls are in place to prevent a fall.</p> <p>Mine operators should consider the use of work platforms where practical to manage the risk of a fall from one level to another.</p> <p>Mine operators must ensure that appropriate information, training, instruction and supervision is provided to workers.</p>
<p>Dangerous Incident</p> <p>IncNot0049658</p> <p>Underground Metalliferous</p> <p>Fire or explosion</p>	<p>While tele-remote bogging a stope, a Sandvik 621 loader caught fire after a hydraulic hose blew, spraying oil over the engine bay. The operator noticed a large oil plume on the rear camera and, while manoeuvring the machine out of the stope, the fire suppression system activated but failed to fully extinguish the</p>	<p>Mine operators must ensure that maintenance systems include the inspection of hydraulic hoses and ensure replacement when hoses are identified as worn or cracked.</p> <p>Hoses must be routed where possible to prevent unnecessary</p>

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	<p>fire. As the operator approached, the fire flared, and it was eventually put out with a handheld extinguisher. Cooling continued for 30 minutes using a 2" water hose. Workers were sent to refuge chambers as a precaution, with spotters managing flare-ups. The hose, which connected the steering pump to the valve, lacked sheathing to contain the oil.</p>	<p>rubbing or damage from external sources.</p> <p>For more information refer to <u>MDG41 Guideline for fluid power safety systems at mines.</u></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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