

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 25 September 2026

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	45
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Recommendations to industry
Severe Injury IncNot0052091 Opal mining	An opal miner sustained a grease injection to his hand while using an electric grease gun. The miner was greasing an underground digger with a grease gun that had an aftermarket fitting attached to the end. The grease gun failed at the attachment and the miner sustained a grease injection to his hand. The miner had 3 surgeries to his hand as a result.	High pressure fluid injection can be fatal. Workers working with or around equipment with high-pressure hydraulic systems should be fully aware of the dangers of fluid injections entering the body and the damage they can cause. After-market components should not be used on greasing equipment and original equipment manufacturer's recommendations should be followed at all times.
Dangerous incident IncNot0052082 Underground metals mine	A worker sustained hand injuries when his hand was caught between an active roller and a conveyor belt.	When working near or around operating conveyors, guards must be in place where there is a risk of entanglement. Workers must remain

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	The worker was conducting clean-up activities on a surface conveyor and used a rock hammer to remove build up from the trough frames. During the backswing, the tool became caught causing the operator's hand to be pulled between the roller and the belt. The worker was taken to hospital where pressure was released from their ring finger. The worker also sustained a fracture to their thumb. 	clear of the conveyor belt, idlers and other entanglement points. Under no circumstances should a worker be using a rock hammer to remove material on an operating conveyor belt. Workers must be trained in relation to the hazards associated with common mining equipment such as conveyors. Mine operators should ensure that documented procedures are available for workers undertaking maintenance tasks. Conveyors must be isolated and tested for dead before maintenance work commences. Supervisors should ensure that the approved procedures are followed.
Dangerous incident IncNot0052098 Open cut coal mine	A light vehicle (LV) failed to give way to a haul truck at an intersection on a main haul road, narrowly avoiding a collision. The haul truck was indicating to turn right at an intersection when the LV entered the intersection at 48 km/h failing to give way to the truck and travelling through the intersection. The truck operator observed the LV and stopped prior to turning into the intersection when it appeared that the LV was not slowing down to give way. The mine was operating under hierarchy where LV's give way to haul trucks.	Mine operators are reminded to implement a layered approach to managing vehicle interaction risks on roads and other vehicle operating areas. Consideration should be given to the controls outlined in the <u>TRG: Roads or Other Vehicle Operating Areas</u>, particularly: • Layer 2: Vehicle separation • Layer 3: Operating procedures, including road rules

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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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