

REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

Weekly incident summary

29 March 2017

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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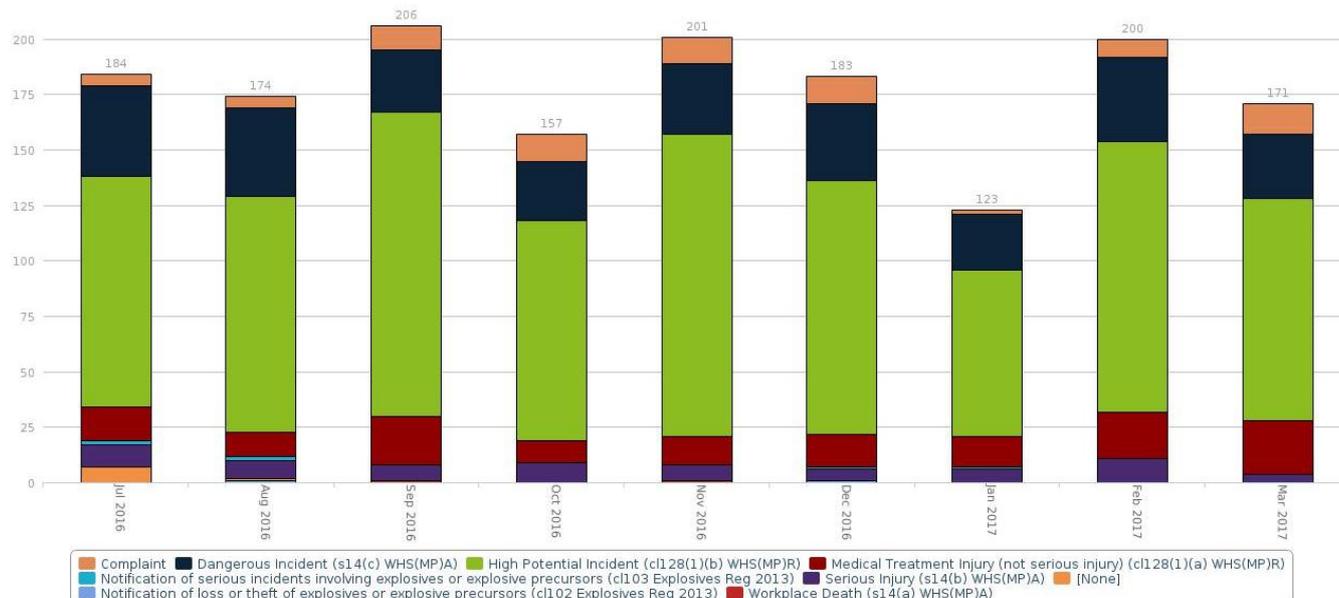
Reportable incidents total: 46 Summarised incidents: 4

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
Serious injury SInNot 2017/00505	A continuous miner was developing a roadway for a longwall block. The direction of the roadway was sub-parallel to the geological structures in the area. Whilst developing the roadway, the mine's rib failed between the supported rib and the face and a large piece of rib coal was dislodged. The coal struck the roof bolter operator, who suffered a fractured jaw and several dislocated toes.	Mine operators should review the effectiveness of all rib and roof support and protection devices, particularly in changing geological conditions. All operators should be trained in the effective use and the operating parameters of these devices to maximise protection.
Serious injury SInNot 2017/00477	A worker (deputy) was removing old 6-inch air and water pipes when one pipe flicked up and hit the worker on the cheek. The pipes were hanging from the roof on chains. The worker suffered a suspected fractured eye socket.	Mine operators should review their pipe installation and removal plans. Operators must ensure that there is sufficient labour to complete tasks. Only equipment that is fit for purpose should be used to safely complete these tasks.
Dangerous incident SInNot 2017/00474	A contract truck driver was cleaning grain out of the back of his truck before picking up a load of stone. The truck driver exited the truck between the tailgate and the truck tub. While he did so, the prop and pole were dislodged. The tailgate fell to the ground, striking the truck driver on the top of his head. The tailgate weighed approximately 220 kg.	Falling plant and equipment (loads) pose a serious risk to health and safety. Appropriate control measures are required to prevent the risk of falling objects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mine operators should be aware of the observations in IIR16-08 Fatality after being struck by truck tailgate. Operators should communicate these to all workers and contractors that use trucks at their mines. Workers should not undertake any work underneath suspended or unsecured loads. Trucks should be cleaned at fit-for-purpose washing facilities. This

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		<p>eliminates the need for people to work underneath unsecured, suspended loads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trailers and truck trays should have safe access points.
Dangerous incident SInNot 2017/00468	<p>A worker was changing conveyor rollers on an elevated walkway when a floor plate collapsed under their foot. The hazard was identified prior to the incident and the walkway was barricaded. However, there was no information to explain why the barricade was in place. The potential fall from this location was approximately 9 m. The worker was uninjured.</p>	<p>Mine operators should review safety barrier practices to ensure that the reason for barricading is communicated to everyone working in that area. When hazards are identified, the operator needs to effectively control and manage the hazard.</p>

Number of incident notifications, by commencement month and incident type



Recent incident publications

- SA17-02 [Fall from height risk](#)
- SB17-03 [Rocks breach catch bund](#)
- IIR17-03 [Coal workers' mixed dust pneumoconiosis](#)
- Investigation report [Fatality at Ridgeway Mine](#)

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