

Week ending 22 August 2018

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	18
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Recommendations to industry
Dangerous incident SinNot-2018/01345	<p>A worker was installing scaffold about 11 m above the ground when a 1.5 m piece of scaffold was dropped. As it fell, it ricocheted down a staircase hitting a worker below on the ear. The worker was taken to hospital and received eight stitches to the wound.</p> <p>While barricading was in place, it was only to protect the level immediately below the work area, not other levels below this.</p>	<p>Before starting a task, when establishing drop zones the following should be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → fall distance → potential for ricochet → method of barricading → consultation with other work groups → communication to other workers in the area → assessment of timing of work to minimise exposure to the workers.

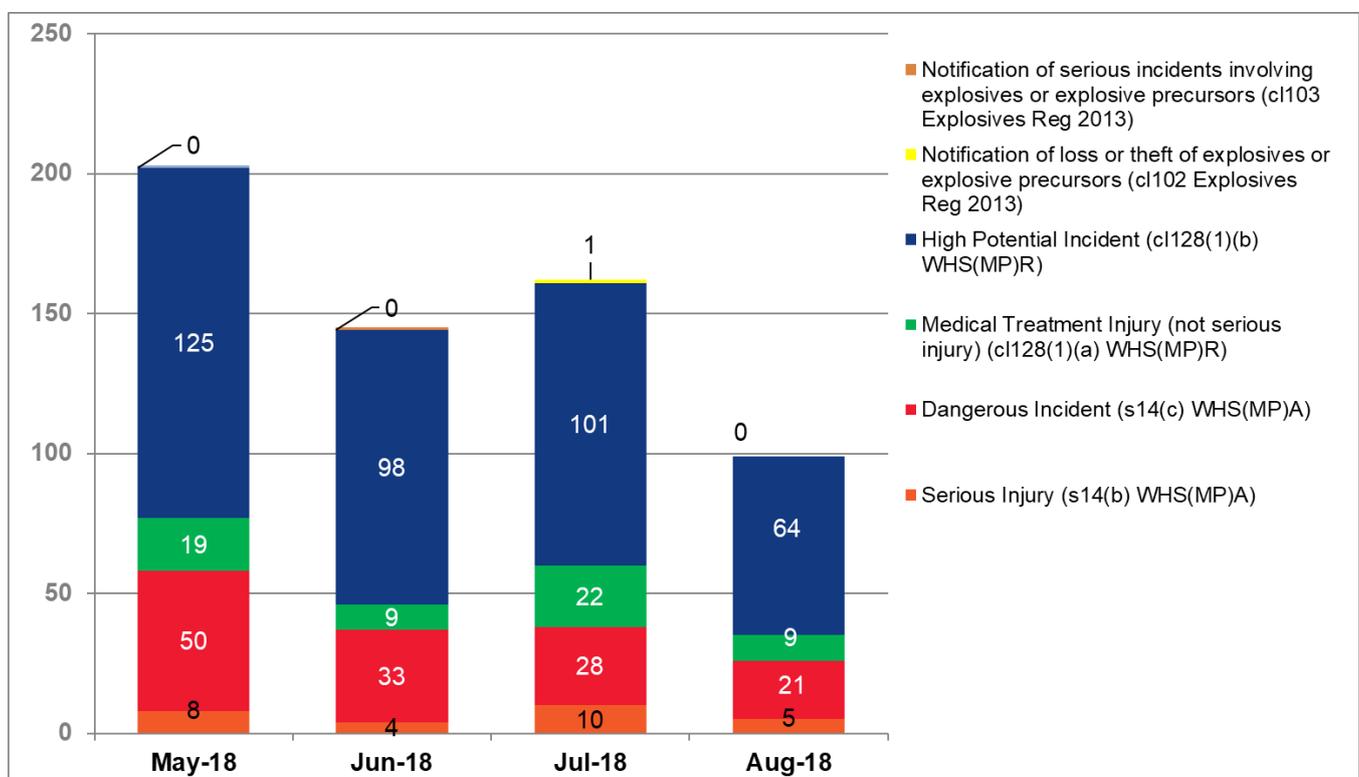


Serious injury
SinNot-2018/01344

A trespasser entered a mine site and fell down an embankment suffering head, rib and ankle injuries.

Mines should review site security to prevent members of the public from accessing the mine area.

The broad risk assessment for all hazards at the mine must consider the risk of trespassers and determine appropriate controls.



Other publications of note:

Publication	Issue / Topic
International (fatal)	
MSHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COAL MINE FATALITY - On Monday, June 4, 2018, a 43-year-old miner with 10 years of mining experience, was fatally injured when a roof jack struck him in the head. At the time of the accident, the miner was a passenger in a personnel carrier that travelled over the roof jack, which was lying in the roadway at the time. As a result of being hit, the roof jack was propelled into the passenger's compartment, striking the victim. The victim was flown to a hospital where he died from his injuries.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access the Coal Final Report here
MSHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY – On April 12, 2018, a 60-year old customer truck driver was killed when he fell from, and was run over by, his truck while scanning into the operator’s check-in system. The victim was found underneath the belly dump of the semi-trailer, and the truck was still in gear. • Access the MNM Final Report here
International (other, non-fatal)	
MSHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • METAL/NONMETAL Serious Accident Alert Surface - Gold – On 6/19/2018, a miner was seriously injured while making repairs on a rotating screen plant. A chain used to lift a thrust bearing failed and struck the miner in the head. The miner was knocked unconscious and found lying on the deck. • Access the MNM Serious Accident Alert here
National (other, non-fatal)	
Komatsu	<p>Global Safety Bulletin GSN0164 Uncommanded movement</p> <p>Joy Global Underground Mining, LLC (JGUM) was informed of two instances of uncommanded movement of a Joy Feeder Breaker operating in Australia. The reports indicate that movement occurred when the “Enable” buttons were pressed even though no tram function was selected. The investigation indicated that the hardware and software involved are unique to underground Joy Feeder Breakers operating in Australia.</p>

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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