



# Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

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## Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of November 1 to 7, 2021

**#1 Underground Mobile Equipment:** Two workers were using a scissor lift to hang venting. One worker was in the cab and the other on the fully extended deck of the scissor lift. While working, the brakes failed on the scissor lift, causing the scissor lift to roll backwards 110 feet down the ramp before hitting the wall and stopping. A light vehicle was also coming up the ramp but could reverse out of the way without being hit.

**#2 Falling from Heights:** A worker was working on a platform, approximately 13 feet high, and fell to the concrete floor below. The worker was taken to the hospital with severe head injuries.

**#3 Mobile Equipment Maintenance:** While servicing a front-end loader, an electrical issue was discovered. The machine's battery cables appeared to be in poor condition, so the master switch was shut off for safety concerns. However, when a worker began to inspect and clean the wires, the wires sparked, causing a fire. The worker quickly extinguished the fire. No injuries were reported.

**#4 Rockfall:** A large 4-foot diameter boulder was found on a forest service road. A dozer had been working in the area above the road spreading topsoil.

### Comments:

When working from heights, attention should be given to:

- Where a worker is exposed to the hazard of falling more than three meters, a fall arresting device must be used.
- Workers must be trained in the use of fall protection equipment.
- Safe work plans for specific tasks should be reviewed prior to starting the task.
- A field level risk assessment and continuous risk assessment should be done to reveal hazards and the appropriate mitigations.