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Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

Sharing safety with the mining industry



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Dangerous Occurrences

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Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of November 7th to 13th

- 1. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** The operator of a light duty vehicle lost control due to winter driving conditions and slid into another light duty vehicle.
- 2. Surface Electrical Arc Flash:** A worker's wrench contacted an un-discharged capacitor in the high voltage cabinet of a haul truck. The resulting arc flash knocked the worker back and caused them to have ringing and pain in the ears, and light sensitivity.
- 3. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A hose failure on a drill released pressurized air, rocks, and water, hitting a worker's calf and causing soft tissue injuries.
- 4. Surface Operations:** A worker adjusting a sling got their hand caught and fractured their thumb.
- 5. Surface Mobile Equipment:** During operation an excavator fire resulted from an engine failure. The operator was able to safely exit and extinguish the fire with help from others.

Comments: As we move into winter, remember to be:

- Alert for changing conditions during the work shift;
- Aware of new seasonal specific tasks such as shovelling snow that can cause overexertion injuries;
- Flexible and have flexible plans, and
- Prepared for unexpected events such as power outages and vehicle breakdowns.

For more information on winter driving visit [Shift Into Winter](#), [Winter Driving Tips & Safety for BC Drivers - Road Safety at Work](#), and [Winter driving - WorkSafeBC](#).