

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

## Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

Sharing safety with the mining industry

Mine Incident Reporting Line 1-888-348-0299 Email: MineIncidents@gov.bc.ca Reportable Incidents 10 Incidents Reported for the Week of June 19<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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- **1.** Surface Operations: A worker was sampling soil when they jumped across a creek and fell, injuring their knee.
- 2. Surface Operations: A worker was heating an item with a tiger torch which was being held by a chain, and grabbed the chain with their bare hand, causing a burn.
- **3.** Underground Mobile Equipment: Two scoop trams were towing a disabled jumbo drill with lines in the front and rear, and while descending a slope the tension in the lines lifted the jumbo drill, resulting in a rollover.
- **4. Surface Mobile Equipment:** An elevated scissor left was struck by an overhead door when it opened unexpectedly, causing the scissor lift to come off balance and rest on an adjacent structure.
- **5. Surface Geotechnical:** While completing a site inspection, inspectors and mine personnel discovered a small subsidence (2mx3m) on an access roadway.
- 6. Surface Mobile Equipment: A dozer was moving material in an area with differing elevations which had a ramp to improve access. The operator was moving to change work areas when the machine slid down the ramp, partially rolling onto its side.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment: A worker stopped at a gate to scan their key fob when their truck would not shift into park. The worker put the vehicle into neutral, set the emergency brake, and exited. The truck rolled forward and contacted the gate.
- **8.** Surface Operations: While cutting brush with a chainsaw, the chainsaw kicked back and contacted the workers foot, resulting in a deep laceration.
- **9.** Surface Mobile Equipment: A parked, running excavator with an oil leak caught on fire. A worker extinguished the fire with a handheld extinguisher.
- **10.** Surface Mobile Equipment Fire: A water truck was travelling down a slope when the driver noticed smoke. The operator parked and exited the truck. Mine rescue attended to extinguish the fire.

**Comments:** Training, personal protective equipment, and following safe operational procedures can reduce the risk of chainsaw-related incidents.