



Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

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Reported Incidents

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Incidents Reported the week of August 26th to September 1st.

1. **Surface Electrical Arc Flash:** While cycling a breaker, an arc flash occurred resulting in burns to the worker's hand and wrist. The worker saw first aid and was later cleared.
2. **Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** While driving a pickup truck, a worker approached a sharp corner and experienced braking issues. The vehicle contacted a berm and stopped with the front tires over the berm.
3. **Underground Stoppage of Ventilation:** During normal operations, an unexpected site-wide power outage occurred. A diesel generator restored site power.
4. **Surface Operations Falling Objects:** A worker was cutting a piece of pipe in the shop when an adjacent pipe (43 centimetres long, 150 grams) was released from its fittings and fell approximately 10.5 metres, striking the worker's neck.
5. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** While travelling up a ramp, the operator of a haul truck noticed flames coming from the exhaust. The vehicle was stopped, and the fire suppression system deployed. Mine rescue attended and extinguished the fire.
6. **Surface Electrical Arc Flash:** During troubleshooting of a drill's electrical system, there was a failure on the high voltage switch gear that resulted in a release of electrical energy. All employees were clear of equipment when the drill was energized, and the failure occurred.
7. **Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Fire:** A loaded autonomous haul truck was observed to have flames coming from the truck. The truck was stopped, and mine rescue attended to extinguish the fire.
8. **Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment:** A loaded autonomous haul truck experienced a tire failure. Workers in a nearby blast pattern heard the failure and observed airborne debris.

Comments: Sudden electrical energy releases, including arc flashes, present significant risk to workers. Review the [CCOHS page](#) on arc flashes for more information on causes and hazards.