

Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

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Reported Incidents

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Incidents Reported the week of September 2nd to 8th, 2024.

- 1. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire: The operator of a loaded haul truck noticed coolant spraying from the front of the machine. Upon shutting the machine down, a fire was found and mine rescue attended.
- **2. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** During light vehicle maintenance, the vehicle rolled forward approximately four metres, contacting a service truck.
- **3. Surface Mobile Equipment:** Workers disconnected the incorrect cable connector, which was live and caused the shovel to lose power.
- **4. Surface Operations:** While a mechanic was tightening bolts on a haul truck, the power tool slipped, kicked back, and struck the worker in the abdomen.
- **5. Surface Dam Erosion:** A worker noticed that a berm, which was placed to allow surface water drainage from a stockpile, had eroded. The material was replaced and graded to allow water flow along the desired path.
- **6. Surface Falling Objects:** Two workers were lowering a shovel trailing cable from a pole arch. The cable dropped from the pulley at the top of the pole and struck the worker in the shoulder and upper back. The worker sustained a fractured wrist from bracing their fall.
- **7. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** An empty haul truck lost power on an incline and rolled backwards. The driver steered the truck into a berm.
- **8. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** While a haul truck was towing a drill, smoke and flames were observed coming from the wheel motor cover. The haul truck was shut down, and a fire extinguisher was deployed.
- **9. Surface Electrical Fire:** Pipe insulation was cut before the heat trace was de-energized, resulting in a flash and fire on the insulation. An electrician attended and de-energized the circuit.

Comments: Falling objects present a hazard to workers below. Even small objects can cause severe injury. Consider the risk of falling objects in safe work plans. Review the CCOHS page on Materials Handling for more information.