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Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported September 30th to October 6th, 2024

- 1. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** The operator of a light vehicle lost consciousness, and the vehicle stopped. A coworker went to check on them and initiated emergency response.
- 2. Surface Blasting:** A light duty vehicle breached a loaded blast pattern. The blaster in charge saw the vehicle enter the blast zone and called them to stop.
- 3. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Fire:** An autonomous haul truck had a grid box fire.
- 4. Surface Operations Falling Objects:** Two workers were torquing mill liner bolts with a suspended torque wrench with a tool stabilizer system. The load was suspended by a carabiner, which failed, and the 9kg stabilizer fell 3 metres, striking a worker on the back of their hard hat, resulting in a contusion. The second worker suffered a finger fracture.
- 5. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A worker was switching light duty vehicles. They entered the second vehicle, placed it into drive, and then decided to go back to the original vehicle and left. The second vehicle transmission had not been put into park and rolled across the haul road before stopping against a windrow.
- 6. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A rock truck operator backed the truck towards an excavator to be loaded, but backed into the excavator, damaging the handrail and mirror.
- 7. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Collision:** An empty autonomous haul truck slipped and entered the oncoming lane. An oncoming loaded autonomous haul truck collided with the out-of-control machine. Speeds on impact were 6km/hr and 17km/hr.
- 8. Underground Falling Objects:** Two workers were at the face when a rock fall struck one of the workers, knocking them unconscious for 30 seconds to one minute before regaining consciousness. The worker was taken to hospital.

9. **Surface Geotechnical Slope Failure:** A two-bench slough occurred with approximately 3500 tonnes of material. No workers or equipment was in the area when the event occurred.
10. **Surface Blasting Misfire:** A booster was exposed while digging in the blast pattern.
11. **Surface Mobile Equipment:** A loaded haul truck began descending a ramp when the operator lost visibility and applied the brakes, stopping the truck. The haul truck had driven on the berm for two truck lengths.
12. **Surface Mobile Equipment:** A dozer contacted a low-voltage power pole, knocking it over. The pole came to rest on top of the dozer. Power was lost across the site.

Comments: The transition to winter, and winter driving conditions is underway. Ensure vehicles are prepared, and operators are aware of changing conditions. Review the CCOHS page on [Winter Driving](#) for more information.