

Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported October 21st to 27th, 2024

- 1. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control: A worker parked their service truck next to a haul truck, set the parking brake and exited the truck. Before the wheel chock could be placed, the service truck rolled forward and contacted the front left tire of the haul truck.
- 2. Surface Mobile Equipment: A worker exited their personal vehicle in the parking lot and was walking toward the shop. Another worker was exiting the parking lot in a light vehicle and struck the pedestrian while turning. The vehicle was travelling approximately 10km/hr, and the pedestrian suffered abrasions, whiplash, and a concussion.
- **3. Surface Blasting Explosives:** While completing digging operations, a shovel operator noticed two primers in their bucket and placed them on the ground. The detonators were then separated from the boosters.
- **4. Surface Operations:** During installation of a wheel assembly on a haul truck, a worker's thumb was caught between the reaction arm of a pneumatic torque wrench and wheel rim, resulting in a fracture.
- **5. Underground Mobile Equipment Fire:** A fire occurred on a transmixer. The operator suffered smoke inhalation and was transported to the hospital.
- **6. Surface Environmental:** Primary diversion pump failures resulted in overflows on coffer dams. Pumps were restored before the overflows reached nearby creeks.
- **7. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A loaded haul truck became stuck due to ruts and load weight. During the recovery, a dozer operator removed material from the box. Once material was removed, the box lowered onto the frame and damaged the dozer's catwalk and handrail.

- **8. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A wheel loader was spreading gravel on walkways and was in transit to the next location with the bucket raised. Two workers in a pickup truck arrived at the same three-way intersection. The two vehicles collided before stopping.
- **9. Surface Operations Shock:** A worker was conducting inspections on a pump. While standing in approximately 20cm of water, the worker stepped around a grounding cable and felt their calf tighten. Suspecting they had been shocked, the worker left the area and attended first aid. The worker was sent to hospital for observation.
- 10. Surface Blasting Explosives: A booster and primer were uncovered by an excavator.
- **11. Surface Operations:** A worker was clearing a jam on a nail gun. During removal of the nails, the trigger was pressed while the nail gun contacted their hand, firing a nail into the workers left palm. The worker has been referred to specialists to remove the nail.

Comments: Pneumatic tools present several hazards to workers, including compressed air, noise, and the function of the tools. Review the CCOHS page on Pneumatic Nailing and Stapling Tools for more information.