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# Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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**Reportable Incidents**

**15**

## Incidents Reported October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

- 1. Underground Other:** A person fell while underground, resulting in a hip or leg injury. BC Ambulance personnel responded.
- 2. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A warning light for oil pressure on an excavator lit up, and the machine was shut down for maintenance. Upon inspection, sparks and a glow in the engine compartment were found. The worker deployed a fire extinguisher.
- 3. Surface Electrical Arc Flash:** A feeder tripped, and smoke was observed coming from a pump house. It was later found that a breaker cell had burned open, leading to fire damage.
- 4. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** Two workers observed sparks and smoke in the exhaust area of a haul truck. The haul truck was stopped, and a fire extinguisher was deployed.
- 5. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment:** Workers were escorted into the autonomous zone by guides. They proceeded prior to confirming the guides were ready, resulting in a lack of protection in the autonomous area.
- 6. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** An electrical short in drill cab resulted in a fire. The operator deployed a fire extinguisher.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** A service truck lost traction while approaching a 90-degree corner, entered the ditch and rolled onto its side. The driver and passenger exited the vehicle and reported soreness.
- 8. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A worker identified a fire on an idling pit bus. The worker responded with a fire extinguisher.
- 9. Surface Operations Falling Objects:** During a welding task, a tack weld failed causing a piece of steel weighing approximately 0.4 kg to fall 18 metres and land on the ground, close to workers.
- 10. Surface Blasting Explosives:** A cap and booster were discovered on a pad. A total of three boosters were found upon further investigation, two in the pad and one in a haul truck.

- 11. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** Two haul truck operators stopped to have a discussion. One operator exited their machine and climbed onto the other truck to talk to the operator. While the operator was climbing off the machine and stepping onto the ground, the truck began to move. The operator climbed back up and flagged the operator to stop the truck, then climbed down and signalled to the operator that they were off the truck.
- 12. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment:** An empty autonomous haul truck lost traction while travelling 46 km/hr. The truck slid approximately 40 metres stopping against a berm.
- 13. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck backed up through a blast fence, and onto a loaded blast hole.
- 14. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A contractor vehicle rolled into an overhead door at the shop. The driver exited the vehicle, and approximately 5 minutes later, the vehicle contacted another shop door. A worker secured the vehicle.
- 15. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A driller helper drove onto the drilled blast pattern to collect samples. Upon exiting the vehicle, the transmission was in neutral rather than park and the vehicle rolled approximately 15 metres before another worker entered the truck and applied the brake.

**Comments: Objects falling from heights present a risk to workers below. Ensure tools and materials are secured to reduce the risk of objects falling. Objects may also fall in unpredictable ways so ensure this is accounted for when setting exclusion zones. Review the [Falling Object Hazards](#) document for more information.**