



Ministry of
Mining and
Critical Minerals

Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

Sharing safety with the mining industry



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Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported March 23rd to 29th, 2026

- 1. Surface Blasting Uncontrolled Blast:** A blasting operation resulted in fly rock striking an unoccupied trailer, damaging a window.
- 2. Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** A mine experienced an unplanned stoppage of the underground ventilation fans but restored after 10 minutes.
- 3. Surface Blasting Misfires:** A shovel operator noticed two unfired boosters in the muck pile.
- 4. Surface Working at Height Falling Objects:** A trolley assembly weighing approximated 4 kilograms fell approximately 4 metres from an overhead monorail to the ground.
- 5. Surface Blasting Misfires:** A shovel operator found a booster suspended from their bucket while digging.
- 6. Surface Blasting Uncontrolled Blast:** A dozer tramming breached a loaded blast zone.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** A loaded Mobile Manufacturing Unit (MMU) truck travelling 15 kilometres per hour down a ramp slid and tipped onto its side, spilled approximately 200 kilograms of emulsion. Mine rescue responded, and the operator was transported for medical aid for a forehead laceration.
- 8. Surface Mobile Equipment Autonomous:** An autonomous haul truck travelling down the ramp slid approximately 36 metres and came to rest in the oncoming lane.
- 9. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** An electric drill caught fire. Mine rescue responded and extinguished the fire.
- 10. Surface Mobile Equipment Unexpected Movement:** During the cable rerouting works, a cable buggy became stuck on a berm crest and tipped forward.
- 11. Surface Dust, Fumes & Gasses Chemical Exposure:** While boosting a light vehicle's battery, the battery ruptured, and sprayed battery acid onto the mechanic's face. The worker was assessed at first aid and was transported for medical aid.
- 12. Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** An excavator tipped onto its side while tramming material backwards toward a crusher after a track slipped off the ramp during a 180-degree swing.

Comments: No person shall conduct, or be permitted to conduct, a blasting operation unless they hold a provisional or valid blasting certificate granted in accordance with the Code. To become a certified blaster, the applicant must pass a written examination and satisfy to the examining inspector that they are qualified to perform the duties of a blaster.