



Ministry of
Mining and
Critical Minerals

Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

Sharing safety with the mining industry



Mine Incident Reporting Line

1-888-348-0299

Email: MineIncidents@gov.bc.ca

Reported Incidents

16

Incidents Reported July 6th to 12th, 2026

1. **Surface Fire that Threatened Persons/Equipment:** A generator caught fire. Mine rescue responded and extinguished the fire.
2. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A grader caught fire. The fire was extinguished by a fire extinguisher.
3. **Surface Working at Height Falling Objects:** While lifting a fan, a truck-mounted electrical cable winch failed, causing the fan to fall into a steel bin.
4. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A water truck's grid box caught fire. Mine rescue responded and extinguished the fire.
5. **Underground Operations:** During startup activities, an electrical panel on a drill caught fire. The fire was extinguished using a handheld extinguisher.
6. **Surface Geotechnical Slope Failure:** A slope failure occurred at a bench. Rocks rolled onto the bench below struck an unoccupied parked light vehicle.
7. **Surface Blasting Explosives:** An excavator operator noticed a booster while cleaning a coal seam.
8. **Surface Dust, Fumes & Gasses Chemical Exposure:** During an inspection of a crusher engine radiator, an operator was sprayed with hot coolant. The worker was assessed for burn to the front part of their body and was transported to hospital.
9. **Surface Mobile Equipment Unexpected Movement:** While dumping material, a haul truck's rear tires sloughed approximately 1.5 metres at the dump edge, causing the truck to become stuck.
10. **Surface Mobile Equipment Autonomous:** An autonomous haul truck rolled backward approximately 34 metres, reaching a maximum speed of approximately 5 km/h, before contacting and damaging another autonomous haul truck.
11. **Surface Blasting Explosives:** A shovel operator noticed a booster and detonator at the dig face.
12. **Surface Geotechnical Slope Failure:** While an excavator was constructing riprap along an access road, a rockslide occurred from the slope above and struck the excavator. The operator remained safely inside the excavator cab.
13. **Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** A mine experienced an unplanned stoppage of the underground ventilation fans but restored after approximately 50 minutes.

14. **Surface Operations:** While removing a crusher liner using an overhead crane, the liner's lifting eye bolt broke failed. The liner fell and caught the worker's hand between the liner and the crusher spider. The worker was assessed at first aid and returned to work.
15. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A dozer reversing in the work area contacted a shovel, damaging the dozer handrail and the shovel's ladder.
16. **Surface Dust, Fumes & Gasses Ignition of Gas:** During hot work activities on a shovel, a fire ignited beneath the shovel. Mine rescue responded.

Comments: Mine managers must ensure that a Mine Health and Safety Program is developed and implemented as required by Code section 1.6.9, which must also include safe work procedures for emerging technologies.

Emerging technology means a technological innovation to mining equipment and related infrastructure that has an inherent risk to health and safety including

- (a) autonomous and semi-autonomous machine systems,
- (b) battery electric vehicles,
- (c) hybrid vehicles,
- (d) hydrogen-powered vehicles, and
- (e) trolley-assisted technology.