

REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

Weekly incident summary

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Note: While the majority of incidents are reported and recorded within a week of the event, some are notified outside this time period. The incidents in this report therefore have not necessarily occurred in a one week period. All newly recorded incidents, whatever the incident date, are reviewed by the Chief Inspector and senior staff each week and summarised in this report. For more comprehensive statistical data refer to our [Annual Performance Measures Reports](#).

Reportable incidents total

Level 1 incidents	Level 2 incidents	Level 3 incidents
76	5	0

Note: Incidents are categorised as Level 1, 2 or 3 according to the seriousness of the incident, with 3 being the most serious.

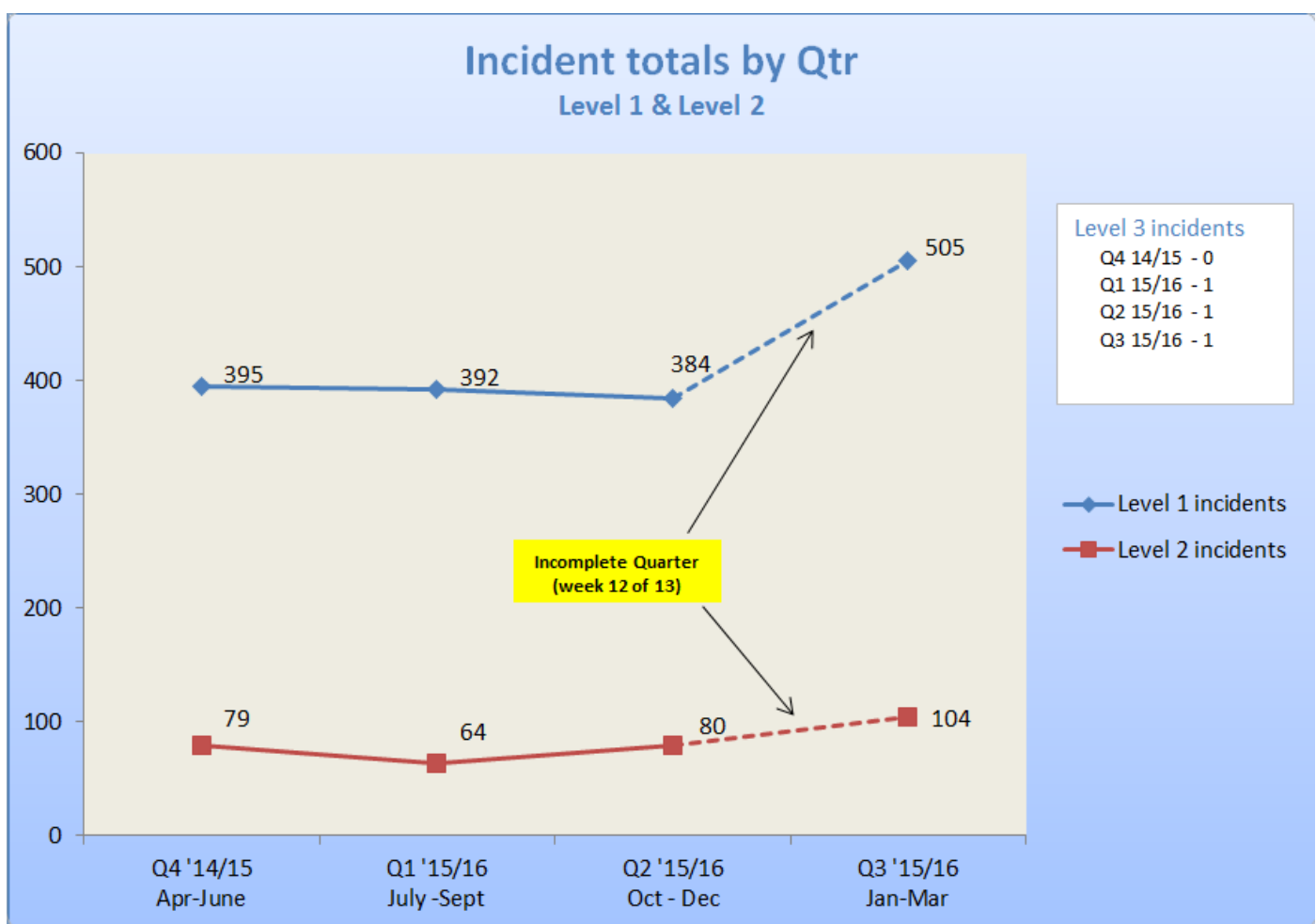
Injuries	Fatalities
13	0

Reportable incidents overview

Note: While all incidents are investigated, generally only level 2 and 3 incidents are summarised below.

Level	Incident type	Summary	Comment to industry
2	Work environment (complaint) 317659739001	Safety complaint regarding lack of fencing and accessible steep decline between land owner and mine site.	Complaint being investigated by Mine Safety.
2	Electrical energy 317659882001	Shuttle car cable damaged when outrigger made contact with the rib. The shuttle car was dumping coal in a cut-through at the time of the incident.	Operators are reminded that whenever changes to work practices are made, an assessment of risks must be undertaken so that any new hazards are identified and effective controls are put in place prior to commencing work.
2	Work environment 317659757001	Operator slipped off the bolting platform on a continuous miner and injured ankle.	Mines should assess risk of slipping from work platforms including consideration of the height of kick-boards and positioning of hand-rails.
2	Electrical energy 317659906001	Low voltage electric shock to two people occurred after coming into contact with an exposed wire on a lighting cable.	When installing lights, or other electrical apparatus, consideration must be given to the location of cables with respect to pinch points or exposed areas with the potential for damage.

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2	Explosives 317659846001	<p>An investigation was conducted at a mine as a result of explosives found by an external agency at an ex-mine employee's house.</p> <p>The investigation at the mine did not identify any evidence in relation to this matter.</p> <p>No action was required at the mine.</p>	<p>Mines should regularly audit compliance against the mine explosives security plan.</p> <p>Particular focus to be directed at stock reconciliation, authorised access to explosives, detonators and explosives precursors.</p> <p>Metalliferous and extractives mines may refer to <i>MEX-01: Explosive management system audit checklist for metalliferous and extractive mines and quarries</i>.</p> <p>The SafeWork NSW <i>Security plan guide</i> is also a relevant reference.</p>



Recent incident publications

No recent incident publications

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