



## Significant Incident Summary No. 13

### Worker fatally injured in fall from height

Date: 16 June 2026

#### NOTE:

This incident is under investigation. This safety alert is based on the preliminary information available at the time of writing and no causative factors have been confirmed.

#### Incident

In March 2026, a contract night-shift worker was fatally injured while performing maintenance at a mine's processing plant. Preliminary information suggests he may have fallen through an opening in a grid mesh platform adjacent to his work area.

#### Recommendations

To eliminate or minimise the risk of falls, mine operators should:

- review **risk assessments** for maintenance activities (including changes to plant, equipment, structures or work surfaces) to identify and control fall hazards
- apply the hierarchy of controls when selecting **fall prevention measures** and maintain those controls so they remain fit for purpose and effective
- review **workplace inspection processes** to ensure statutory supervisors and other competent persons conduct field-verification activities to confirm the workplace is free from risks, so far as is reasonably practicable
- provide **effective contractor management**, including clear supervision, coordination and control measures to ensure contracted work is completed safely
- ensure workers are **trained, competent and regularly assessed** in the correct use of fall-restraint or fall-arrest systems, where applicable
- install **adequate lighting** in all work areas so workers can safely identify openings, changes in levels, edges and other hazards.

#### References and further information

##### Work Health and Safety Commission

- [Managing the risk of falls at workplaces: Code of practice](#)

##### Department of Local Government Industry Regulation and Safety - WorkSafe

- [Inspection and maintenance of accessway and platform gratings: Mines safety bulletin No. 176](#)

##### Resources Safety & Health Queensland

- [Safety bulletin: Falls from walkways and platforms](#)