

## NOTIFIABLE INCIDENTS TO SAFEWORK SA

### **Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)**

#### **Section 35 – notifiable incident**

*notifiable incident* means—

- (a) the death of a person or
- (b) a serious injury or illness of a person or
- (c) a dangerous incident.

#### **Regulation 675V – mining incident**

*incident* means—

an incident (other than a notifiable incident) that:

- (a) results in illness or injury that requires medical treatment or
- (b) is a high potential incident.

## SERIOUS INJURY OR ILLNESS

### **Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)**

#### **Section 36 – What is a serious injury or illness**

serious injury or illness of a person means an injury or illness requiring the person to have—

- (a) immediate treatment as an in-patient in a hospital or
- (b) immediate treatment for—
  - (i) the amputation of any part of his or her body or
  - (ii) a serious head injury or
  - (iii) a serious eye injury or
  - (iv) a serious burn or
  - (v) the separation of his/her skin from an underlying tissue (such as degloving or scalping) or
  - (vi) a spinal injury or
  - (vii) the loss of a bodily function or
  - (viii) serious lacerations or
- (c) medical treatment within 48 hours of exposure to a substance, and includes any other injury or illness prescribed by the regulations but does not include an illness or injury of a prescribed kind.

### **Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (SA)**

#### **Regulation 699 – Incident notification – prescribed serious illnesses**

Each of the following conditions is a serious illness:

- (a) any infection to which the carrying out of work is a significant contributing factor, including any infection that is reliably attributable to carrying out work –
  - (i) with micro-organisms or
  - (ii) that involves providing treatment or care to a person or
  - (iii) that involves contact with human blood or body substances or
  - (iv) that involves handling or contact with animals, animal hides, skins, wool or hair, animal carcasses or animal waste products
- (b) the following occupational zoonoses contracted in the course of work involving handling or contact with animals, animal hides, skins, wool or hair, animal carcasses or animal waste products:
  - (i) Q fever
  - (ii) Anthrax
  - (iii) Leptospirosis
  - (iv) Brucellosis
  - (v) Hendra Virus
  - (vi) Avian Influenza
  - (vii) Psittacosis.

## DANGEROUS INCIDENT

### **Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)**

#### **Section 37 – What is a dangerous incident**

*dangerous incident* means an incident in relation to a workplace that exposes a worker or any other person to a serious risk to a person's health or safety emanating from an immediate or imminent exposure to—

- (a) an uncontrolled escape, spillage or leakage of a substance or
- (b) an uncontrolled implosion, explosion or fire or
- (c) an uncontrolled escape of gas or steam or
- (d) an uncontrolled escape of a pressurised substance or
- (e) electric shock or
- (f) the fall or release from a height of any plant, substance or thing or
- (g) the collapse, overturning, failure or malfunction of or damage to, any plant that is required to be authorised for use in accordance with the regulations or
- (h) the collapse or partial collapse of a structure or
- (i) the collapse or failure of an excavation or of any shoring supporting an excavation or
- (j) the inrush of water, mud or gas in workings, in an underground excavation or tunnel or
- (k) the interruption of the main system of ventilation in an underground excavation or tunnel or
- (l) any other event prescribed by Regulation 699A.

## PRESCRIBED DANGEROUS INCIDENT

### **Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (SA)**

#### **Regulation 699A – Incident notification – prescribed dangerous incident**

The unplanned loss of control of heavy earthmoving machinery (including failure of braking or steering) at a mine.

## MEDICAL TREATMENT

### **Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)**

#### **Schedule 24 – What is medical treatment**

*medical treatment* means—

the management or care of a patient including:

- (a) the suturing of a wound
- (b) the treatment of fractures
- (c) the treatment of bruises by drainage of blood
- (d) the treatment of second and third degree burns

but does not include diagnostic procedures, observation, counselling, first aid or therapeutic measures taken solely for preventative purposes.

## HIGH POTENTIAL INCIDENT

### **Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)**

#### **Regulation 675V – What is a high potential incident**

*high potential incident* means—

an incident or event that would have been a dangerous incident if a person were in the vicinity at the time when the incident or event occurred and in usual circumstances a person could have been in that vicinity at that time.

## ELECTRICAL INCIDENT

If the incident being notified is related to an electric shock, gas infrastructure, or gas fitting also please call the Office of the Technical Regulator on 1800 558 811