

Resources Safety and Health Newsflash

Failure to Give Way at a T-intersection

Purpose

To raise awareness of the occurrence of a serious incident with potential to cause serious injury to coal mine workers, the hazards involved and the controls to be taken.

What happened?

Two rear dump trucks collided at a haul road T-intersection in a mine. Both trucks were travelling at speed when the collision occurred. Significant damage was caused to the front of one truck and the left hand side of the other truck. The truck drivers were fortunate not to be physically injured.

Right of way belonged to the loaded truck approaching the intersection on the left hand side of the other truck. The headboard of the loaded truck hit the tray of the empty truck about a metre or so behind the driver's cab. The unloaded truck failed to give right of way to the loaded truck and both trucks were travelling above the nominated speed limit when the collision occurred.

Coal Mine Workers must always monitor for the presence of other vehicles moving around the mine, observe mine speed limits, observe and drive to conditions, and the traffic rules at the mine.



The headboard on the loaded truck would fit beneath the headboard of the empty truck.



The loaded truck had right of way

The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing. Further information from the investigation may be provided at a later date.

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