

Media Statement



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Statement: Olympic Dam workplace fatality

SafeWork SA regrets to advise that a man has died following a rock fall underground at South Australia's Olympic Dam mine site.

SafeWork SA Executive Director Bryan Russell confirms the regulator has launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident and that the area has been secured and works within this site suspended.

SafeWork SA's investigation into the incident will identify any breaches of the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA) as well as all parties with potential responsibility for workplace safety.

Mr Russell said that tragically South Australia today recorded its first workplace fatality for 2015 and while SafeWork SA will now begin an investigation into the circumstances of this incident, we are ever mindful of the tragedy this man's death brings to his family, friends and co-workers.

The man's death brings this year's workplace toll for the year to one. There were 13 fatalities recorded in 2014.

SafeWork SA will not be releasing further information while the investigation is underway given details and items gathered may later be used as evidence in legal proceedings.

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