



Man killed in Father's Day mining accident near Orange

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A man has been killed at a gold mine near Orange, in the New South Wales' central west, police say.

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The 28-year-old technician was fatally injured when he was struck by a piece of machinery at the Ridgeway Mine, about 10:00pm yesterday.

Acting Inspector Mick White from the Canobolas Local Area Command said the man had two young children.

"It happened on Father's Day and our condolences and our thoughts go out to his family," he said.

Police said it was not yet known what injuries the man suffered.

The mine's owner, Newcrest Mining, suspended operations following the incident.

In a statement, Newcrest offered its deepest sympathy and condolences to the man's family, friends and colleagues.

The New South Wales Minister for Resources, Anthony Roberts, said the man had been working as a machine operator for four years.

Police have established a crime scene and investigations into the incident are continuing, with officers being assisted by Mine Safety NSW.

Newcrest is working with officers and safety inspectors as part of their enquiries.

A report will be prepared for the coroner.

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