

SAFETY IN THE MINING INDUSTRY: PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE

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AN OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE TO DATE

For more than 20 years, the mining industry, together with its tripartite partners which include government and labour, have been working hard to improve the sector’s safety performance. As a result, the industry saw an 88% improvement in fatality rates from 615 in 1993 to 73 in 2016.

However, since 2017 the industry has seen a regression in safety performance with 88 fatalities in 2017. This year as at mid-September, the industry had experienced 65 fatalities, compared with 62 at the same date in 2017 which, in turn was a deterioration on 2016. This regression has been deeply saddening and concerning to all mining industry stakeholders.

Fatalities in 2017

Commodity	2016	2017	% change
Gold	30	39	30
Coal	4	10	160
Platinum	27	26	4
Other*	12	13	8
Total	73	88	17

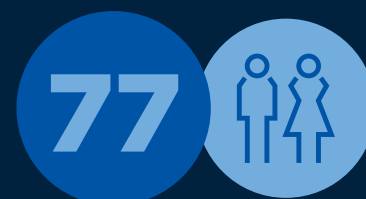
Injuries in 2017

Cause	2016	2017	% change
Gold	1,167	995	(9)
Coal	184	193	5
Platinum	1,120	1,104	(1)
Other*	314	282	(10)
Total	2,785	2,534	(9)

* Other includes diamonds, chrome, copper, iron ore and all others not specified

The Minerals Council launched the National Day of Safety & Health in Mining 2018 campaign in August 2018 as part of its recommitment to the shared goal of zero harm and ensuring that all employees can go to work in the knowledge that they will return home, every day, unharmed.

Subsequently



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of the Minerals Council have been hosting Safety and Health Days at each of their operations to recommit and reaffirm this industry commitment.