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One man missing, another in hospital after collapse at Curragh mining complex in Central Queensland



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A man has been injured and another is missing following an industrial incident at Curragh Coal Mine in Central Queensland. (ABC News: Jemima Burt)

One man is in hospital and another remains missing after an industrial incident at the Curragh Mine complex in Central Queensland.

Police were called to the complex's Mammoth Underground mine, near Blackwater, about 3pm.

"Initial information indicates one man was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, and one other man remains unaccounted-for," a Queensland Police Service spokesperson said.

"Police will assist partner agencies with their investigations of the incident."



Emergency services were called to the Central Queensland mine about 3pm on Friday. (ABC News)

Acting Minister for Natural Resources and Mines Tony Perrett said he had been briefed on the incident.

"Emergency crews, including the Queensland Mines and Rescue Service, are on site and doing everything possible," he said in a statement.

He said two workers had been "recovered safely", while work was continuing to rescue a third worker.

"My thoughts are with all of those involved, their loved ones, the entire mining community," he said.

A spokesperson for the state's resources safety regulator, Resources Safety and Health Queensland (RSHQ), said a roof had collapsed.

"Resources Safety and Health Queensland was made aware of an incident involving a roof collapse that occurred at a central Queensland coal mine this afternoon," they said.

"RSHQ, along with emergency services and mines rescue, is responding.

"Our current focus is on supporting efforts to recover a worker involved in the incident."

In a statement, a spokesperson for the contracted Mammoth Underground mine operator confirmed a worker was unaccounted-for and said it was providing its "full co-operation" to rescue efforts underway at the site.

"Workplace support has also been made available to all Mammoth personnel who may have been affected by the incident," the statement read.

Rescue operations remain underway.

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