



Safety Alert



Powered Haulage Accidents

Stop Powered Haulage Accidents: Stay Alert! Stay Alive!

- Fatalities and accidents involving mobile equipment: shuttle cars, scoops, locomotives, front end loaders, haulage equipment, service and pickup trucks continue to occur at a disproportionate high rate.
- Mobile equipment accidents: collisions and/or struck by.
- Powered haulage accidents continue to cause nonfatal, disabling injuries.



Roadway design and poor visibility at a nearly blind intersection were the root causes of a miner's death when his pickup was crushed by a haul truck.



A miner died when underground shuttle cars collided in an intersection. One shuttle car trammed through a ventilation curtain without stopping or warning.

Best Practices*

- **Know where in the workplace others are and communicate with them:** use radios, mirrors, cameras, headlights, strobe warning lights, horns, and buggy-whip flags. Stay clear of mobile equipment blind spots.
- **Set mobile equipment parking brakes and chock the wheels when vehicles are unattended:** Don't stand, walk or work directly downhill of parked vehicles. Stay clear of moving vehicles.
- **Establish safe traffic patterns and rules:** post signage, ensure rules are followed, adhere to speed limits and approach intersections with caution.
- **Use proximity detection/collision avoidance systems.**
- **Ensure that seat belts are maintained in good condition and worn at all times.**
- **Ensure that conveyors are deenergized, locked, tagged and blocked against motion before removing guards or beginning work.**

*Make sure miners and mine operators are trained in best practices.

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