



MSHA's Accident Prevention Program
Miner's Tip

**SAFETY
IS A
VALUE!**

" Underground Rail Haulage Hazards "

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An old adage says, 'If you want to know who the person most responsible for your safety is, just look in the mirror'. A tip from a coal miner in western Pennsylvania sent in a different twist on the subject. In his words:

"We have incorporated the use of large convex mirrors at bends/turns along the track haulage route. The mirrors are hung on cribs or the coal rib allowing traffic coming in either direction to see approaching traffic. The mirrors are not intended to replace other systems of traffic control, but to support the other systems in the advent of failure. Dispatcher systems have several flaws: human error and radio signal interruptions to name a few. Block light systems rely on electric or battery power that could fail. The mirrors are an inexpensive, long lasting, second system to prevent haulage accidents".

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Remember - Safety is a Value that you can LIVE with!