



## MSHA's Accident Prevention Program Miner's Tip

**SAFETY  
IS A  
VALUE!**

### Tramming Safety Using Remote Controls

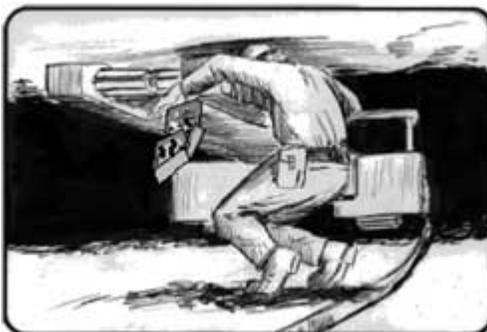
**Category :** Section Face Equipment

**Mine Type:** Underground Coal

Over the years, many miners have been fatally injured while operating continuous mining machines by remote control, most of them while tramming the continuous miner from "place-to-place". The majority of these accidents have occurred to machine operators or helpers being caught between the right rear of the mining machine and the coal rib. The following practices have proven to reduce hazards:



- If equipped with a deck and canopy, use it when tramming the continuous miner from place to place.
- Don't place yourself in danger. When tramming the continuous miner with the remote control, stay in front of or behind the machine.
- Plan your move so you don't have to be along side the machine to handle cables while the machine is in motion.
- Know where your helper or other miners are before starting to tram.
- Give yourself an escape route by being at the opening of a crosscut. If your back is against a rib, you don't have many options.



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