

Metal/Nonmetal Northeast District

Mobile Accident

On October 21, 2009 a miner was seriously injured when carrying a 9 ton block of bluestone up an inclined roadway using a CAT 988A FEL with forks. The loader stalled near the crest of the hill and started to roll backwards. The equipment operator was unable to stop the machine. He jumped/fell head first from the left side of the cab and was run over by the equipment suffering a crushed pelvis, broken sternum and severe internal injuries. The equipment operator was not wearing the provided seat belt.



Best Practices:

- Always wear the provided seat belt.
- Always examine the seat belt during the mobile equipment pre-shift examination.
- Test all braking systems on level ground, then on an incline before carrying the first load.
- Ensure all safety defects are reported.