

# MNMM Fatal 2005-22

- Falling/Sliding Material
- August 27, 2005 (Colorado)
- Crushed Stone Operation
- Front-end Loader Operator
- 26 years old
- 4 years mining experience

# Overview

The victim was fatally injured when rocks rolled and struck the front-end loader he was operating. He was removing rock material that a second front-end loader had dumped from an upper bench.



# Causal Factors

- Procedures had not been established that isolated areas where falling or sliding materials could create a hazard.
- The victim failed to recognize the hazard associated with performing work near falling materials.

# Best Practices

- Adopt mining methods that ensure miners are not positioned in areas where they are exposed to hazards.
- Conduct a risk analysis before starting the task. Examine work areas to identify all possible hazards. Ensure that all hazards are evaluated and eliminated so the task can be safely performed.