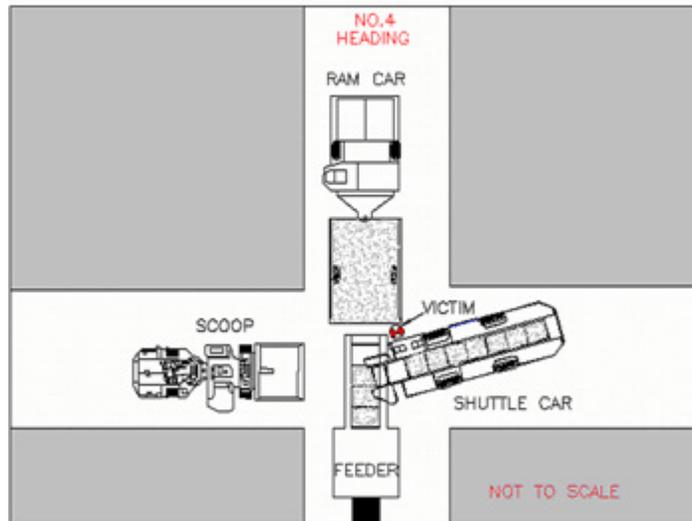




**Fatality #22 - December 30, 2005**  
**Powered Haulage - Underground - KY**  
**H & D Mining Inc - Mine No 3**

**COAL MINE FATALITY** - On Friday, December 30, 2005, a 29-year old shuttle car operator, with 4 years mining experience, was fatally injured when he was hit by a ram car. The victim apparently exited the shuttle car and was leaning into the operator's deck, when he was struck.



### Best Practices

- Remain in a safe area away from mobile equipment or where equipment operators can readily see you.
- Maintain clear visibility with all personnel in your vicinity when operating mobile equipment.
- Sound warnings when the operator's visibility is obstructed, such as when making tight turns, reversing direction, or approaching curtains.
- Wear reflective clothing to ensure high visibility when necessary to walk or work in the area of moving mobile equipment.
- Exercise caution and signal your presence to mobile equipment operators.

This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> fatality reported during calendar year 2005 in the coal mining industry. This is the ninth fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2005. As of the accident date in 2004, there were 28 fatalities reported in coal mining. There were nine fatalities in this category at this time in 2004. For more information on shuttle car safety, visit [http://www.msha.gov/Accident\\_Prevention/ideas/shuttle.htm](http://www.msha.gov/Accident_Prevention/ideas/shuttle.htm).

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