



Fatality #6 - April 11, 2006

Powered Haulage - Texas - Dimension Sandstone

1845 Texas Stone Products, Inc. - Texas Stone Products, Inc.

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On April 11, 2006, a 22-year-old rock handler, with 9 months mining experience, was fatally injured at a dimension stone operation. The victim stacked patio stones on a wood pallet and wrapped wire field fence around the stones to secure them in place. As he was tightening the fence material by twisting the wire, he was struck by a skid steer that was backing up.



Best Practices

- Provide a location for stacking and binding stones to pallets that minimizes the exposure of miners to the travel of mobile equipment.
- Discuss work procedures and identify all hazards associated with the work to be performed along with the methods to protect personnel. Stop, Look, Analyze, Manage (SLAM)
- Ensure all miners are trained to recognize work place hazards, specifically the hazard of mobile equipment traveling nearby.
- Before moving mobile equipment, look in the direction of travel, be certain no one is in the intended path, sound the horn to warn unseen persons, and wait a few moments to give them time to get to a safe location.

This is the 6th fatality reported in calendar year 2006 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2005, there were 9 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 2nd Powered Haulage fatality in 2006. There were four Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2005.