



**Fatality #15 - June 21, 2006**  
**Electrical - Washington - Construction Sand & Gravel**  
**Hard Rock Inc. - Gardiner Pit**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On June 21, 2006, a 75-year-old contractor electrician, with 50 years experience, was fatally injured at a sand and gravel operation. The victim contacted energized conductors while installing an electrical circuit. The building subsequently caught fire and burned before the primary circuit could be deenergized.



**Best Practices**

**Before YOU perform electrical work:**

- Positively determine which circuit is to be worked on and identify the disconnecting device.
- De-energize power from the circuit and place YOUR lock on the switch.
- Utilize proper Personal Protective Equipment, including rated electrical gloves.
- Test the circuit for voltage using properly rated test equipment.
- Ground all phase conductors to the equipment grounding conductor with a jumper.
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This is the 15<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2006 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2005, there were 15 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Electrical fatality in 2006. There were two Electrical fatalities in the same period in 2005.

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