

Electrical

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In recent years, the anthracite industry has experienced a number of fatalities involving electricity.

Several of these fatalities involved miners performing routine work assignments not associated with electrical work.

Some of the accidents occurred on the surface and involved contact with energized high-voltage lines and failing to lock out and tag electrical circuits before performing work.

REMEMBER:

- Thorough electrical inspections are needed to locate most electrical faults.
- All electrical work must be performed or observed by a qualified electrician.
- Wet conditions, present in most anthracite mines, significantly increase the need to inspect and maintain electrical equipment.
- All electrical conductors are assumed to be energized and direct contact should be avoided where possible.

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