



FALLS OF GROUND CAN BE DEADLY!



6 MNM miners killed by falls of ground since 2008 :

- A miner scaling a rib was killed by falling material approximately 11' high by 15' wide by 30" thick.
- A miner scaling loose ground in a stope was killed when he was struck by material approximately 3' long by 2' wide by 2' thick.
- A miner cleaning equipment was killed by a large roof fall.
- A miner performing maintenance on a roof bolter was killed by a fall of cemented backfill.
- A miner attempting to retrieve a bit from a jackleg drill he was using to drill a hole near the face died when a piece of rock approximately 8.5' by 4' by 14" fell from the roof and struck him.
- A miner in the cab of a track mounted excavator with a scaling attachment died when a piece of rock 13' wide by 26' long by 4 1/2' thick fell from the back.

Best Practices

- Examine, sound, and test for loose ground in areas before starting to work, after blasting, and as ground conditions warrant.
- Always scale from a safe location.
- Mine operators should have all work areas examined for conditions that may harm miners.