Several accidents have occurred causing serious injuries to miners riding in slope cars and gunboats, or while performing repairs.

The accidents resulted from the following causes:

- Failure of the drive connection.
- Failure to stay within the confines of the hoist conveyance.
- Riding the bale or spreader.
- Failure to maintain effective communication while performing maintenance.

To prevent yourself from becoming the next statistic:

- Conduct thorough inspections of hoisting equipment, rope and termination.
- Before hoisting miners, operate the hoist one full cycle while checking the operation of all safety devices.
- Confirm proper operation of the communication system(s) in use.
- During routine man trips, remain within the confines of the hoist conveyance.
While conducting required examinations from the hoist conveyance, be cautious of the moving drawbar in areas of changing pitch. Have the hoist operated at inspection speed, be alert for areas of tight clearance, and never ride the spreader bar in areas of changing pitch. Have the hoist conveyance be cautious of the moving drawbar.

Petition for Modifications granted for 30 CFR 75.1400(c) (Safety Catches) prohibit anyone from working in the slope while the hoist is operating.

Slope magnetic cars should be inspected and stopped for examination purposes. 

Maintain communication when the conveyance is drawing bar.

While conducting required examinations from the hoist conveyance be cautious of the moving drawbar.