Safety Alert

Water-Related Fatalities on the Rise

5 water-related fatalities since 2022

Hazard of Working Around, Over, or Near Water

HAZARDS - undercut banks, sloughing ground, varied water depth, swift currents, inadequate berms, narrow roadways

POTENTIAL DANGER - Entrapment, Entanglement, Drowning, Electrocution

RISKS – Traveling, operating mining equipment, around, over, or near water

Best Practices

- Conduct daily workplace examinations.
- Know the water depth and subsurface conditions and ground conditions before you begin work.
- Keep equipment a safe distance back from the water’s edge.
- Provide handrails around docks and work boats.
- Properly berm roadways near water hazards.
- Provide and ensure workers wear a Coast Guard approved Type I or Type V personal flotation device (PFD) when working around water.
- Keep water rescue equipment easily accessible.
- Practice good housekeeping and keep all travel ways clear around water hazards.
- Post warning signs near water hazards.

Report accidents and hazardous conditions: 1-800-746-1553

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