






# Safety Alert

## Operating Mobile Equipment

Since the beginning of calendar year 2025, mine operators have reported over 150 accidents from the operation of mobile equipment, **including 13 of 20 fatal accidents**. Accidents can be prevented by examiners and mobile equipment operators looking for hazards above, below, in front, behind, and beside mobile equipment.

<u><b>ABOVE</b></u> Loose and unconsolidated rock on highwalls, overhead powerlines, etc.	<u><b>BELOW</b></u> Unconsolidated ground, bench conditions, voids in material, etc.	<u><b>FRONT, BEHIND, BESIDE</b></u> Other equipment, unconsolidated ground, dump points, miners on foot, roadway hazards, berms, etc.
		

## Best Practices

- Perform adequate workplace and ground condition examinations on roadways, benches, unconsolidated ground, and dump sites. Correct hazardous conditions or relocate mobile equipment.
- Perform adequate pre-operational examinations on mobile equipment. If safety defects are found, remove mobile equipment from service until the equipment is repaired.
- Follow safe operational practices and parking procedures. Park equipment on level ground. Lower booms and buckets to the ground, and chock mobile equipment wheels.
- Always wear your seatbelt. Do not jump from moving equipment.
- Train mobile equipment operators to be aware of and understand the warnings in the manufacturer's manual and on mobile equipment decals.
- Ensure the written safety program for surface mobile equipment is updated to address mining conditions or practices that may adversely affect the health and safety of miners or other persons.

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

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