



# Fatality Alert



**METAL/NON-METAL MINE FATALITY** – On July 15, 2019, a plant manager stumbled on a drill bench resulting in a compound heel fracture. While undergoing preoperative procedures for his injured heel on July 19, 2019, he became unresponsive and passed away the following day.

## Best Practices

- **Identify and address hazards.** Always be aware of your surroundings and any hazards that may be present. Establish and discuss safe work procedures.
- **Conduct workplace examinations** and risk assessments to identify and **correct hazards before working on any task.** Examine work areas for hazards
- **Provide sufficient illumination in all work areas.**
- **Train all miners**, especially workplace examiners, to recognize and understand safe job procedures. Communicate and correct hazards in a timely manner.
- **Prevent slips and trips.** Clear the area of tripping and stumbling hazards. Maintain traction by ensuring walkways and footwear are free of potential slipping hazards such as dirt, oil, and grease.
- **Stay focused** on your work for your safety and the safety of your fellow workers.

This is the 24th fatality reported in 2019, and the first classified as “Fall of Person.”

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