

**MSHA MINE FATALITY** – On May 18, 2019, a 34-year-old plant operator with 8 years of experience received fatal injuries when he was ejected from a man lift basket. The victim was tramming while elevated at 28 feet. The miner was wearing a fall protection harness with a retractable lanyard but it was not secured/tied off to the man lift basket.



## Best Practices

- Always stay connected/tie off. Always attach the lanyard of the approved fall protection device to the designated attachment point.
- Use boom functions instead of tram functions to position the platform close to obstacles.
- Ensure that persons are properly task trained regarding safe operating procedures before allowing them to operate mobile equipment.
- Do not place yourself in a position that will expose you to hazards while performing a task.
- Ensure that access gates or openings are closed.

This is the 8th MSHA fatality reported in calendar year 2019. As of this date in 2018, there were 8 MSHA fatalities reported. This is the 3rd Powered Haulage accident classification fatality in 2019. There were four Powered Haulage accident classification fatalities during the same period in 2018.

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