

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On Oct. 27, 2020, a miner was digging a hole to install a wooden post for roof control when a section of the roof fell on him.



Best Practices

- **Thoroughly examine the roof, face, and ribs where people will be working and traveling**, including sound and vibration testing where applicable.
- **Scale loose roof and ribs from a safe location.** Prevent access to hazardous areas until appropriate corrective measures can be taken.
- **Set temporary support before installing permanent support.**
- **Be alert for changing conditions** and report abnormal roof or rib conditions to mine management and other miners.
- **Know and follow the approved roof control plan** and provide additional support when cracks or other abnormalities are detected. Remember, the approved roof control plan contains minimum requirements.
- **Propose revisions** to the roof control plan to provide measures to control roof hazards.

This is the 23rd fatality reported in 2020, and the first classified as “Fall of Roof or Back.”

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