

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On April 22, 2021, a miner was fatally injured when leaving the mine site in his personal pickup truck. The manual swing barrier gate was partially closed. A gate pole entered the truck’s windshield as the pickup truck approached, striking the victim and causing fatal injuries.



Best Practices

- **Ensure that manual swing barrier gates can be secured when opened or closed** to prevent unintentional movement.
- **Paint or tape swing barrier gates** with reflective and distinguished markings to differentiate them from their surroundings. Install additional lighting near barrier gates.
- **Conduct thorough travelway examinations** to identify and mitigate hazards.
- **Establish safe traffic patterns with proper signage.**
- **Be alert to road conditions** and always keep a clear line of sight.
- **Maintain proper speed** for road conditions.

This is the ninth fatality reported in 2021, and the fifth classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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