

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On August 11, 2021, a 53-year-old contract truck driver with ten years’ experience was fatally injured while conducting a pre-operational examination of a truck. The rear wheels of the vehicle struck the truck driver when the truck rolled forward.



Best Practices

- **Block mobile equipment against motion.** Adequately chock wheels or turn wheels into a bank.
- **Use specially designed truck-wheel chocks** of the appropriate size and material to hold the vehicle securely. Do not use lumber, cinder blocks, rocks, or other makeshift items to chock.
- **Never position yourself in hazardous areas** around equipment parked on a grade that is not blocked or secured from movement.
- **Maintain the equipment’s braking systems.** Perform repairs and adjustments when necessary and follow the manufacturer’s recommendations. Do not exceed the manufacturer’s load limits.

This is the 24th fatality reported in 2021, and the tenth classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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