

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On December 3, 2021, a miner was fatally injured when he became entangled in the return idler on the belt conveyor under a portable crusher plant.



Best Practices

- **Before performing maintenance and repair work near belt conveyors:**
 - **Remove power from the belt drive.**
 - **Securely block equipment** against hazardous motion in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions.
- **Guard moving machine parts** to protect miners from contacting moving parts.
- **Provide and maintain a safe means of access** to all working places.
- **Conduct thorough examinations of equipment.** Report defects and do not work in unsafe conditions.
- **Train miners to assess risks and control hazards** before beginning work on belt conveyors.

This is the 33rd fatality reported in 2021, and the 16th classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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