

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On Jan. 16, 2021, a miner was fatally injured while using a tool to remove a down-the-hole hammer. The drill motor turned unexpectedly, pinning the driller’s leg between the tool and the drill mast.



Best Practices

- **Establish and discuss safe work procedures** before starting any task.
- **Identify and control all hazards. Train all workers to recognize potential hazards** and understand safe job procedures to eliminate hazards before beginning work.
- **Follow manufacturer’s procedures** for using equipment, and monitor employees for compliance.
- **Position yourself in a safe location** away from potential “danger-zone” areas.
- **Train miners** to safely perform their tasks.
- **Conduct equipment inspections** and correct any defects affecting safety.

This is the first fatality reported in 2021, and the first classified as “Machinery.”

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