

## Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On July 26, 2021, a contract employee, who was not wearing fall protection, was performing maintenance on a cement cooler when a wooden board broke, causing him to fall 23 feet onto a concrete floor.



### Best Practices

- **Assure a safe means of access** is provided and maintained to all working places. Use personnel lifts or ladders to access elevated work areas safely.
- **Use fall protection** when a fall hazard exists. Ensure fall protection has a suitable fall arrest and secure anchorage system.
- **Examine work areas, tools, and equipment.** Report and correct defects. Do not use unsafe equipment.
- **Assess risks and eliminate or control hazards** before beginning maintenance activities. Do not place yourself in a position that will expose you to hazards while performing a task.
- **Train miners and ensure they perform work safely, use tools properly, and utilize personal protective equipment correctly.**

This is the 20th fatality reported in 2021, and the second classified as “Slip or Fall of Person.”

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