

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On November 1, 2021, an electrician with 25 years of mining experience was fatally injured while traveling down a mine slope. He lost control of a four-passenger rubber-tired personnel carrier, and the vehicle crashed at the bottom of the slope, pinning the victim underneath.



Best Practices

- **Immediately remove equipment** from service when defects affecting safety are found.
- **Conduct adequate preoperational checks and weekly examinations of mobile electrical equipment.** Correct any defects affecting safety before operating mobile equipment.
- **Maintain control** and stay alert when operating mobile equipment.
- **Maintain roadways free of excessive water, mud, and other conditions** that impact an equipment operator’s ability to control mobile equipment.
- **Operate mobile equipment at speeds consistent with the conditions** of roadways, grades, clearance, and visibility.
- **Never rely on Regenerative Braking** as a substitute for keeping brakes properly maintained.

This is the 31st fatality reported in 2021, and the 12th classified as “Powered Haulage”

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