

## Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On November 17, 2021, a customer truck driver was electrocuted after the tarping mechanism on the trailer contacted a high voltage overhead power line. While exiting the cab of the truck, the victim contacted the energized truck and received a non-fatal electrical shock. When he tried to re-enter the cab of the truck, he was electrocuted.



### Best Practices

- **Construct roadways to provide adequate width and clearance** between mobile equipment and energized high-voltage power lines, as required by the National Electrical Safety Code. Evaluate clearances periodically to account for changing physical and environmental conditions.
- **Provide and maintain a safe location** for truck drivers to tarp their loads.
- **Check for overhead hazards** when raising and lowering truck beds and tarps.
- **If your vehicle contacts an energized power line:**
  - **Stay in your vehicle**
  - **Immediately call for help** on a mobile phone or radio
  - **If staying in the vehicle is unsafe, jump away** from the vehicle without contacting the vehicle and the ground at the same time. Once on the ground, hop away from the power line for at least 40 feet.
- **Post readily visible warning signs or signals** when overhead hazards exist.

This is the 32nd fatality reported in 2021, and the 15th classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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