

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On October 19, 2021, a 58-year-old mechanic with 17 years of experience was fatally injured when the articulated haul truck bed collapsed on him while he performed maintenance on the truck.



Best Practices

- **Securely block from motion** machinery or equipment that has been raised, and properly use mechanical blocking devices. Ensure that blocking material is competent, substantial, and adequate to support and stabilize the load.
- **Position yourself in a safe location** and away from potential “red-zone” areas where you can be injured. Observe and follow all warning labels and signs on equipment.
- **Never work under a load that is unsupported or inadequately supported**, and never depend on hydraulics to support a load.
- **Outfit haul trucks with a dump box lock bar** that mechanically blocks the bed from coming down.
- **Develop and follow** safe work procedures.
- **Always consult and follow the manufacturer’s recommended safe work procedures** for the maintenance task.

This is the 29th fatality reported in 2021, and the 3rd classified as “Falling, Rolling or Sliding Rock/Material.”

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