

## Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On December 16, 2022, a contract mechanic died while removing the counterweight of an excavator, when it fell and struck him.



### Best Practices

Operators should:

- Block machinery components against motion before beginning maintenance or repairs.
- Assure blocking material is substantial and installed correctly to support and stabilize the load.
- Assure miners position themselves in a safe location and away from potential pinch point areas.
- Train miners to conduct repairs according to manufacturer recommendations.

This is the 29<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in 2022, and the tenth classified as “Machinery.”

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