

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On January 7, 2022, a 49 year-old front-end loader operator with 15 years of mining experience died when a large rock fell from the mine roof, crushing the cab of the front-end loader. When the accident occurred, the victim was loading material from a recently blasted shot.



Best Practices

- **Scale** the back and ribs before performing work in an area.
- **Conduct examinations** of the back, face, and ribs where miners work and travel.
- **Install suitable ground support** where conditions warrant.
- **Use geologic hazard mapping** to identify adverse conditions and be aware of changing ground conditions.
- **Train miners** to identify workplace hazards and take action to correct them.

This is the first fatality reported in 2022, and the first classified as “Fall of Roof or Back.”

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