

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On September 1, 2022, a roof bolter was electrocuted when he contacted a metal hook that became energized after it penetrated the 480-volt cable that supplied electrical power to a roof bolting machine.



Best Practices

- Make sure miners use suitable, non-conductive ropes with appropriate breaking strengths when pulling or handling electrical cables. Never attach conductive parts to the non-conductive rope, such as metallic hooks.
- Make sure miners use proper Personal Protective Equipment when handling cables.
- Train miners to examine the work area and identify potentially hazardous conditions.

This is the 20th fatality reported in 2022, and the first classified as “Electrical.”

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