

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On September 2, 2025, a blaster was loading holes from the ground when a piece of rock fell from the roof and struck him. The blaster died from his injuries.



Best Practices

- Be alert for changes in the roof, face, and ribs and take additional safety precautions when adverse conditions are encountered.
- Install ground support where ground conditions, or mining experience in similar ground conditions in the mine, indicate it is necessary.
- Scale loose roof and ribs from a safe location to maintain safe ground conditions.
- Examine and test the roof, face, and ribs in areas where work is to be performed prior to work commencing, after blasting, and as ground conditions warrant during the work shift.
- Train miners on how to identify hazardous roof conditions.

This is the 21st fatality reported in 2025, and the second classified as “Fall of Roof or Back.”

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