

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On August 26, 2025, an electrician died while performing elevator testing. The elevator car descended and struck the electrician on the first-floor elevator platform.



Best Practices

- De-energize, lock out, tag out, and block machinery against hazardous motion, including unintended movement, before conducting maintenance.
- Install audible and visual alarms to warn of impending equipment movement. Ensure the alarms are functional through testing and maintenance.
- Stay clear of moving equipment during testing procedures.
- Train miners to safely perform testing procedures and ensure the procedures are followed.

This is the 20th fatality reported in 2025, and the first classified as “Hoisting.”

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