

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On July 29, 2025, a contractor died when the excavator he was tramming toppled forward, causing the cab to land on a boulder.



Best Practices

- Maintain the boom in the direction of travel when tramming.
- Maintain control of self-propelled mobile equipment while it is in motion.
- Ensure miners operate excavators perpendicular to the slope.
- Task train miners in the safe operation and potential hazards of all equipment, including avoiding ground conditions that can cause the equipment to tip over.
- Conduct workplace examinations of all work areas prior to beginning work.

This is the 18th fatality reported in 2025, and the fourth classified as “Machinery.”

The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary information only and does not represent final determinations regarding the nature of the accident or conclusions regarding the cause of the fatality.

Report accidents and hazardous conditions: 1-800-746-1553

[msha.gov](https://www.msha.gov) | askmsa@dol.gov | [@MSHA_DOL](https://twitter.com/MSHA_DOL)