

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On June 15, 2025, a miner died after the telehandler that he had been operating overturned onto him while he was outside the equipment moving a water pump suction line.



Best Practices

- Ensure miners operate telehandlers perpendicular to the slope and use load stabilizing devices to prevent roll over.
- Keep telehandler forks low to the ground unless the surface is level and ground conditions can support the telehandler. Never suspend a load from the forks.
- Always lower booms on equipment when unattended and secure the equipment against movement.
- Do not exceed the load radius and load limits of lifting equipment.
- Do not work alone unless you can communicate with others or they can see you.
- Ensure miners position themselves in a safe manner while working around equipment.
- Conduct inspections of mobile equipment prior to use. If deficiencies exist, remove the equipment from service.

This is the 13th fatality reported in 2025, and the third classified as “Machinery.”

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