

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On July 29, 2026, a contractor miner was injured after falling approximately 18 feet through an opening located on the fifth floor of the surface portion of the #3 hoist, and landing on the floor below. On August 1, 2026, the contractor miner died from complications related to those injuries.



Best Practices

- Provide and maintain safe access to all working places.
- Protect miners from unguarded openings above, below, or near travelways through which persons may fall, by installing and maintaining guardrails, barriers, or covers for openings.
- Ensure miners wear safety belts and lines where there is a danger of falling. Ensure fall protection has a suitable fall arrest connection and secure anchorage system.
- Conduct complete and thorough examinations of working places.
- Train miners to perform tasks safely and always be aware of surroundings.

This is the 19th fatality reported in 2026, and the second classified as “Slip or Fall of Person.”

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.

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