

## Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On March 12, 2026, a contract mechanic died after the boom of a drill mast rolled, struck, and pinned him.



### Best Practices

- Block equipment, including components or assemblies, from unexpected movement before beginning work.
- Follow manufacturer-recommended maintenance procedures.
- Bleed off all air prior to hooking up hydraulic lines. Use bleed valves when installed and fully cycle actuators in all directions.
- Train miners in safe work procedures and hazard recognition. Monitor personnel routinely to ensure they follow safe work procedures.

This is the fifth fatality reported in 2026, and the third classified as “Machinery.”

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