

## Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On March 28, 2026, a contractor died after falling approximately 37 feet through an unsecured roof panel of a shaker screen deck while conducting roof repairs.



### Best Practices

- Provide and maintain safe access to all work areas.
- Always use approved fall protection systems when working at heights where a fall hazard is present. Ensure fall protection has a suitable fall arrest connection and secure anchorage system.
- Ensure miners are properly trained for the assigned task, including the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and recognizing fall hazards.
- Conduct a thorough inspection of the workplace and all required PPE before commencing any work activities to identify and mitigate potential hazards.
- Ensure contractors receive appropriate training prior to performing work.

This is the sixth fatality reported in 2026, and the first classified as “Slip or Fall of Person.”

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