

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On September 2, 2026, a miner died while attempting to clean material from the troughing rollers of the stacker belt. The miner became entangled between the moving belt conveyor and belt scraper.



Best Practices

- De-energize, lock out, tag out, and block belt conveyors against hazardous motion before performing repairs or maintenance.
- Provide proper platforms, walkways, deck-level access or personnel lifts that allow safe access to elevated components.
- Install and maintain belt wipers to remove material from belts.
- Install adequate guarding to prevent any contact between miners and moving parts of a belt conveyor, including rollers and head and tail areas.

This is the 22nd fatality reported in 2026, and the sixth classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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