

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On September 23, 2026, a miner died when he fell from the discharge area of a feed hopper while attempting to dislodge a rock.



Best Practices

- Provide and maintain safe access to all working places. Use personnel lifts or ladders to access elevated workplaces safely.
- De-energize, lock-out, tag-out, and block equipment against motion before performing repairs or maintenance.
- Provide and ensure proper use of fall protection where there is a danger of falling. Ensure fall protection has a suitable fall arrest connection and secure anchorage system.
- When defects make continued operation hazardous to miners, take the defective item out of service.
- Prior to assigning work, ensure employees are trained in the task being performed.
- Do not assign or allow work to be performed by employees alone in any area where hazardous conditions exist unless they can communicate with others, can be heard or can be seen.

This is the 25th fatality reported in 2026, and the fourth classified as “Slip or Fall of Person.”

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