



**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** – On February 27, 2014, a 27-year-old contract mechanic with 2 years of experience was injured at an underground limestone mine. The victim was repairing a hydraulic pump on a scaler when fell from an attached walkway approximately five feet to the ground. He was airlifted to a hospital where he died the next day.



### Best Practices

- Ensure that persons are trained, including task-training, to understand the hazards associated with the work being performed.
- Establish and discuss safe work procedures before beginning work. Identify and control all hazards associated with the work to be performed and use methods to properly protect persons.
- Conduct work place examinations before beginning any work.
- Do not place yourself in a position that will expose you to hazards while performing a task.
- Ensure effective gates, safety chains, or railings are used and properly maintained where openings may exist that could pose a hazard.

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2014 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2013, there were 6 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall of Person fatality in 2014. There were 0 Fall of Person fatalities in the same period in 2013.

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