



METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY – On April 28, 2014, a 53-year-old miner with 32 years of experience was killed at an underground gold mine. The victim was drilling with a jackleg drill when his clothing became entangled in the drill steel of the machine.



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.
- Stop the drill rotation when performing tasks near the rotating steel.
- Provide safe routing of hoses and cables so they are not close to the rotation of the drill.
- Do not assign a person to work alone in areas where hazardous conditions exist that would endanger his or her safety.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing when working around drilling machinery.
- Keep work areas clean and free of tripping hazards.

This is the 10th 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 3rd Machinery fatality in 2014. There was 1 Machinery fatality in the same period in 2013.