



METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY – On December 15, 2015, a 75-year old tow truck laborer was killed at a cement plant. As the tow truck operator was lowering the truck's boom it struck the victim. The victim suffered a severe head wound but was conscious when transported to a local hospital but later died of his injuries.



Best Practices

- Position yourself only in areas where you will not be exposed to hazards resulting from a sudden release of energy. Be aware of your location in relation to machine parts that can move.
- Establish communications between equipment operators and machine helpers. Make sure those around you know your intentions.
- Positively block machine parts (including hydraulic boom lifts) and suspended loads from motion prior to entering areas underneath them.
- Ensure that persons are properly task trained regarding safe operating procedures before allowing them to operate mobile equipment and monitor work to ensure procedures are followed.
- Ensure that all operating systems and safety features on mobile equipment are maintained and functional at all times.
- Operate all machinery in accordance with manufacturers operating guidelines.
- Wear all appropriate personal protective equipment.

This is the 16th fatality reported in calendar year 2015 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2014, there were 28 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 5th Machinery fatality in 2015. There were 3 Machinery fatalities in the same period in 2014.

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