

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY – On September 15, 2016, a 60 year old Mechanic, with 28 years of experience, was fatally injured at a Magnesite facility. The victim was seriously injured when he fell while dismounting a front end loader. The victim was hospitalized and died on September 26, 2016.



Best Practices

- Always use the “Three Points of Contact” method. Use either two hands and one foot, or one hand and two feet when mounting and dismounting equipment.
- Keep hands free of any objects when making three points of contact.
- Maintain traction by ensuring footwear is free of potential hazards such as dirt, oil, and grease. Slip resistant material can be coated to existing foot holds and handrails.
- Use hoisting materials to transport tools and other objects that may keep hands from being free.
- Inspect contact areas for slip or trip hazards.
- Ensure steps and handrails are properly secured and free of defects and debris and always face equipment when mounting or dismounting it.
- Ensure landing areas are equipped with adequate lighting.

This is the 14th fatal reported in calendar year 2016 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2015, there were 15 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 2nd fatality classified as slip or fall of person in 2016. There were 2 slip or fall of person accident classification fatalities in the same period in 2015.
