

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** – On July 20, 2017, a miner was driving wedges into a block of granite in an attempt to break it loose. A piece of granite weighing 9 tons fell and crushed the victim against the quarry floor.



## Best Practices

- Always conduct examinations of work place to identify loose ground or unstable conditions before work begins and as changing ground conditions warrant.
- Ensure that the person conducting the examination has the training and experience to recognize potential hazards.
- Danger off hazardous conditions and prohibit work or travel in areas where hazards from unstable ground have not been corrected.
- Discuss work procedures and identify all hazards associated with the work to be performed along with the methods to protect personnel.

This is the 6th fatality reported in calendar year 2017 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2016, there were 9 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 2nd Fall of Material fatality in 2017. There was one Fall of Material fatal in the same period in 2016.

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