

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY – On March 14, 2018, a miner sustained a fatal injury to his head while installing discharge chutes on the screen deck. The suspended chute shifted striking him.



Best Practices

- Stay clear of a suspended load.
- Follow proper rigging procedures when lifting loads.
- Establish safe work procedures and identify and remove hazards before beginning repair or maintenance tasks. Follow the equipment manufacturer's procedures for the work being performed to ensure that all hazards have been addressed.
- Use welded lifting eyes that are specifically intended for lifting and adequately rated for the loads being lifted.
- Carefully inspect all rigging prior to each use.
- Train persons to recognize and control all hazards associated with performing repair or maintenance tasks.
- Persons should communicate during maintenance tasks with each other.
- Position yourself only in areas where you will not be exposed to hazards resulting from a sudden release of energy.
- Attach taglines to loads that may require steadying or guidance while suspended. Stand clear of items of massive weights having the potential of becoming off-balanced while being loaded or unloaded.
- Assign a sufficient number of persons to repair or maintenance tasks to ensure the tasks can be safely performed.
- Do not place yourself in a position that will expose you to hazards while performing repair or maintenance tasks.
- Miners should wear fall protection when working at elevated heights.

This is the 2nd fatality reported in calendar year 2018 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2017, there was 2 fatal reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 1st Machinery fatality in 2018. There were no Machinery fatalities during the same period in 2017.

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