



# Fatality Alert



**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** – A miner was operating a front-end loader when the front-end loader’s bucket contacted the ground, causing an abrupt stop that propelled the miner—who was not wearing a seat belt—into the windshield. He was transported to the hospital with head trauma injuries and developed complications while undergoing treatment. He died on January 8, 2020.



## Best Practices

1. **Always wear seat belts** when operating mobile equipment.
2. **Maintain control and stay alert** when operating mobile equipment.
3. **Know the hazards.** Be certain anyone operating front-end loaders is aware of safe operating practices and potential hazards.

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in 2019, and the seventh fatality classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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