



# Fatality Alert



**MINE FATALITY** – A miner was splitting and sorting rock in a quarry when lightning was observed in the distance. The miner was seeking shelter when he was struck by lightning.



## Best Practices

1. **Train miners to take action** after hearing thunder, seeing lightning, or perceiving any other warning signs of approaching thunderstorms.
2. **Use the established emergency communications system** to provide miners with warnings when lightning is in the area.
3. **Identify locations for substantially built safe lightning shelters.**
4. **Stay in safe shelter** at least 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder.

This is the 27<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in 2019, and the first fatality classified as “Other (Lightning Strike).”

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