



# Fatality Alert



**MINE FATALITY** – On February 27, 2020, a miner died when an unsecured 20'x8'x1" steel plate standing on edge fell and struck him. The steel plate was being used to cover the end of a feeder to allow an equipment operator to build an earthen ramp to the feeder.



## Best Practices

- **Establish and discuss safe work procedures** before beginning work.
- **Identify and control all hazards.**
- **Task train everyone on safe job procedures** and to stay clear of suspended loads.
- Require all workers to **stay out of the fall path of heavy objects/materials** that have the potential of becoming off-balance while in a raised position.
- **Monitor routinely** to confirm safe work procedures are followed.
- **Be aware of your environment.** Factors such as wind, snow, and icy surfaces can affect the stability of an object.
- When securing an object, **identify the location of its center of gravity.**

This is the third fatality reported in 2020, and the first fatality classified as “Handling Material.”

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