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# Safety Alert



Slips, Trips, and Falls at M/NM Mines: January 2007 – December 2007

**254 TOTAL INJURIES**

**161 MINERS LOST WORK TIME ..... (64%)**

## **30 INJURIES RESULTED FROM UNEXPECTED TOOL SLIPPAGE**



**In several cases, miners lost footing due to tool slippage and fell down the discharge chute.**

**Do you plan your tasks in a way that protects you from possible tool failure?**



**Stop Look  
Analyze Manage  
Risks**

MSHA believes the SLAM-SMART program can be an important tool in all safety programs and encourages Safety Directors to view the presentation and implement the suggestions: S.L.A.M.: Stop, Look, Analyze, Manage, is a risk management/assessment tool for miners; and: S.M.A.R.T.: Stop, Measure, Act, Review, Train is a risk management/assessment program for mine operators . These tools are life savers. Visit the full presentation at this link: [SLAM SMART Presentation](#).

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**\*\*Statistics used are for the January-December 2007 metal and nonmetal mining industry (including Contractors). Metal and nonmetal mine operators provide the raw data to MSHA required by 30 C.F.R. ss 50.20, Preparation and submission of MSHA report form 7000-1 –Mine Accident, Injury, and Illness Report.**