

Hey, Kids!

Let's Talk About Mining

Did you know that mining is an important part of our daily lives?

Over half of the electricity generated in this country comes from coal. Sand, gravel, limestone and other rock products are used in construction. Salt is used in food preparation as well as to keep wintry roads free of ice. Gold, silver, iron and copper are just a few of the minerals used to make products that are all around us.

Can you name some other products we use each day that come from mining?

Mines are located in all 50 states.

Can you name the minerals mined where you live?

Dangers can exist at active and abandoned mines.

Above all, miners are trained to work responsibly and safely. But the rest of us may not be able to recognize the dangers that exist at active or abandoned mine sites. Here are a few:

- ✗ hidden openings
- ✗ unstable ladders
- ✗ rotten timbers
- ✗ deadly gases
- ✗ misfired explosives
- ✗ poisonous snakes

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TAKE THE SAFETY PLEDGE

Become a partner in the Mine Hazard Awareness Campaign

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I will stay away from active and abandoned mine sites and quarries and tell my friends about the dangers that exist in these places.

My name here

Want more information?

Visit the Mine Safety and Health Administration’s web site: www.msha.gov



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