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Can you name some other products we use each day that come from mining? Can you name the minerals mined where you live?

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

- ✗ hidden openings
- ✗ unstable ladders
- ✗ rotten timbers
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**“Stay Out–Stay Alive”**

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