



2006 SUMMER PROP INITIATIVE

TALKING POINTS

Roof falls and rib rolls are a leading cause of mine fatalities. Most roof and rib accidents have occurred from:

- **Not knowing or following approved roof control plans.**
- **Inadequate or improper roof/rib examinations**
- **Failure to communicate with other miners and mine management when adverse roof/rib conditions are found.**
- **Improper body/hand positioning around equipment and belts.**
- **Miners traveling inby support.**
- **Using improper tools and equipment to correct adverse roof conditions.**

To prevent roof/rib accidents, miners should:

- **Never go inby support for any reason.**
- **Be aware of roof and rib conditions, examine roof and ribs wherever they work or travel.**
- **Scale or support loose roof ribs or over hanging brows.**
- **Know your approved roof control plan and follow it all the time.**
- **Make sure you are in a safe position so you don't get caught under bad roof or rib and machinery.**
- **Communicate unusual conditions to other miners and mine management.**
- **Install additional roof support where necessary.**
- **Use proper equipment when correcting adverse roof or rib conditions.**