



MSHA's Accident Prevention Program
Safety Idea

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Tarpping Platform

Category : Haulage
Mine Type: All Surface

One mine came up with the idea of using an old flat bed trailer equipped with handrails around the bed to eliminate slips and falls while tarping loads. They would park this flatbed in an open area and put a set of stairs against it. Trucks and trailers to be tarped would be pulled directly along side and drivers would work from the trailer with handrails to cover their loads.

(Sam Ricci, Jr., the owner of the company stated the idea was a joint effort on the part of his employees and the contract trucking companies. MSHA salutes everyone involved.)



The mining industry is strongly encouraged to consider and adopt this suggestion. MSHA believes that unnecessary injuries and fatalities could be avoided in the future as a result.

A worn out flatbed trailer with a decent deck, steps and railing is estimated to cost less than \$1200 for parts and labor.

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Remember – Safety is a Value that you can LIVE with!