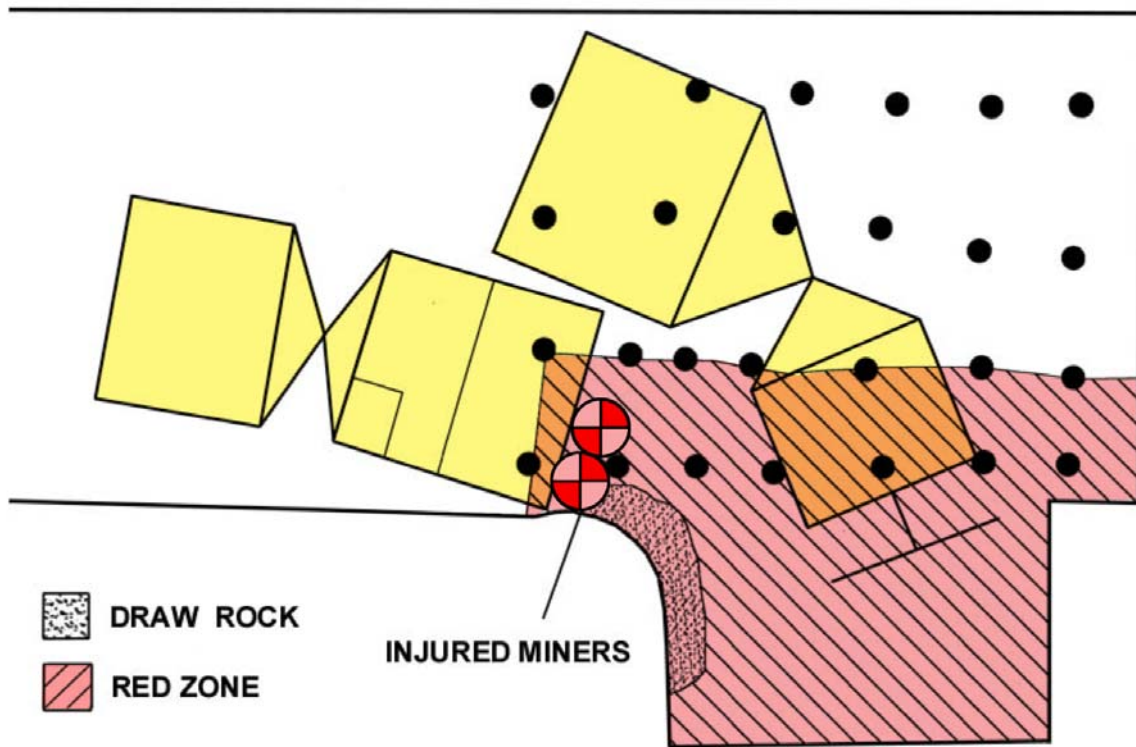


## IT HURTS TO BE IN THE “RED ZONE”



**Entering the “RED ZONE” continues to result in mine fatalities and injuries.** A recent non-fatal roof fall accident resulted in injuries to two miners who were working in the “RED ZONE”. The miners were loading supplies from a scoop onto a roof bolting machine that was positioned at the entrance to an unbolted crosscut. The scoop was positioned with its bucket extending into the “RED ZONE”, with the miners located in front of the bucket between the first and second row of roof bolts. As they moved the supplies, draw rock fell along the right rib, extending from the unsupported crosscut into the area where the men were working, striking and injuring both miners. Fortunately, the injuries were not life threatening.

A best practice to prevent such an accident would be to move the equipment to a safe area outby the newly developed crosscut. This would prevent miners from being exposed to hazards associated with working within the “RED ZONE”.

Please take time to re-instruct all miners as to the location of the “RED ZONE” as shown in your mine’s approved roof control plan. *Working in the “RED ZONE” is not much different from working in an unsupported area. Roof material that begins to fall in the unbolted area doesn’t always stop at the first row of roof bolts. When that happens, it hurts to be in the “RED ZONE”.*

**SAFETY AND HEALTH ARE VALUES!**

