



19 COAL MINE ROOF & RIB FATALITIES IN 2 YEARS!

During 2005 and 2006, 19 coal miners in the United States lost their lives from roof falls or rib rolls. This is a big increase from the 2003 and 2004 period, when 7 miners perished this way.

More roof fall accidents happen during the summer than any other time. Please be extra careful during the summer months and always follow these precautions:

- Carefully examine the work area for hazards.
- Immediately take down loose roof or ribs.
- Danger off unsafe areas that cannot be repaired immediately.
- Install extra roof support where needed.
- Know and follow the roof control plan.
- Remain alert for changing roof or rib conditions.
- Tell mine management and other miners about unusual roof or rib conditions.
- NEVER travel under unsupported roof.



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