



MSHA's Accident Prevention Program Miner's Tip

**SAFETY
IS A
VALUE!**

Hazards Caused by Haul Trucks

Category : [Haulage](#)
Mine Type: [All Surface](#)

A recent nonfatal accident occurred when a haulage truck crushed a forklift while backing up. This accident demonstrates the importance of completing all the safety checks before backing up.

OPERATORS:

Be sure you are clear of ground personnel before moving your vehicle. Use:

- Walk-around
- Horn signals
- A radio, if needed
- A spotter, if needed



Consider the value of video cameras on your mobile machines and evaluate the confines of your work area.

GROUND PERSONNEL (MECHANICS): Never approach equipment unless you have clearly communicated with the operator.

You must clearly communicate your intentions and directions to the operator. Let them know when you are in the clear.

Do not approach mobile equipment unless you know the operator has understood your signals and the equipment is not moving.

See MSHA's "[Take the Keys](#)" remedy for more information.

Never Assume! - Safety is communication!

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