

ACCIDENT SAFETY FLYER – A serious injury occurred recently in an underground mine due to the fall of roof or rib. The integral roof bolter operator was installing a roof bolt when a piece of rock 8” by 8” by 10” fell out and struck him on the shoulder, then falling and hitting him on the ankle. This caused the bolter operator to fall forward and hit his head on the machine.



BEST PRACTICES

- Examine the roof, face and ribs, including sound and vibrations tests, during pre-shift examinations, immediately before any work is started, and periodically as conditions warrant.
- Be alert to any change of roof and rib conditions, especially when working between the ribs and equipment.
- Know and follow the requirements of the A.T.R.S. in-lieu-of canopy approval, which are specific for each piece of equipment.
- Incorporate proper use of roof bolter A.T.R.S. extensions, if provided.
- Identify and scale any loose or hazardous roof material using proper equipment and work from a safe location.

