

ACCIDENT SAFETY FLYER - Recently, a 22 year old contract truck driver was driving an 18 wheel coal truck from the active pit. As he ascended a grade and started down the other side, he apparently missed a gear or lost control, causing the truck to overturn on its side. The injured miner was treated at a local hospital and released with a shoulder injury & slight concussion.



BEST PRACTICES

- Conduct pre-operational safety checks of all mobile equipment.
- Maintain equipment braking and steering systems in good repair and adjustment.
- Test the braking system before descending steep grades.
- Adjust the speed to match the road and weather conditions.
- Operate vehicles in the appropriate gear when descending grades and post recommended gear ranges at the top of grades for haul trucks. Utilize auxiliary retarders to the fullest extent possible.
- Do not exceed the truck's capabilities, operating ranges, load-limits and safety features.
- Always wear a seat belt when operating a haul truck or mobile equipment.
- Do not exit a moving vehicle.

