

Good ventilation practices are essential to the health and safety of you and your fellow miners. To help you maintain ventilation awareness at your mine, use this checklist as a guide and always follow your mine's ventilation plan.

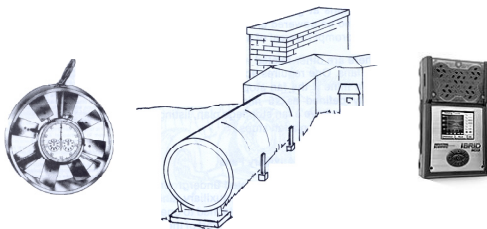
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PRACTICE VENTILATION AWARENESS

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Coal Miner's Ventilation Checklist

- Always** conduct methane checks:
 - before* equipment is energized at the face
 - at least* every 20 minutes (or more often if required by the mine's ventilation plan)
 - before* equipment is trammed in by the last open crosscut
 - immediately before* welding, cutting, or soldering
 - continuously* during welding, cutting, or soldering
 - immediately before and after* blasting
- Always** make sure ALL gas detectors are calibrated and operating properly.

- Always** keep line brattice or ventilation tubing within 10 feet of the face (or other distance required in your mine's ventilation plan).
- Always** report:
 - ventilation control leakage
 - changes in air velocity
 - methane gas feeders
 - ventilation tubing leaks
 - smoke and other strange odors
- Always** report and/or repair damage to ventilation controls (i.e. stoppings, line brattice, check curtains, regulators).

- Always** make sure water sprays and scrubber systems are properly operated and maintained in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations and your mine's ventilation plan.
- Never** change or alter any ventilation controls without proper authorization.
- Never** operate an auxiliary fan if the main fan is down.
- Never** use an auxiliary fan to remove methane – use line brattice.