



# ***Hazard Alert – Water Related Fatalities***



***19 water related fatalities since 2004 in metal/nonmetal***

## **Working Near Water Hazards**

**HAZARD** - Working around, over, or near water

**POTENTIAL OUTCOME** - entrapment, drowning

**RISKS** – Traveling or operating equipment near water, equipment weight and vibration, undercut banks, sloughing ground, varied water depth, swift currents.



## **Best Practices**

- Conduct daily workplace examinations
- Be familiar with the body of water, water depth and subsurface conditions before you begin work
- Keep equipment a safe distance back from the water's edge
- Avoid traveling over ice covered water
- Provide handrails around docks and work boats
- Properly berm roadways near water hazards
- Wear a Coast Guard approved Type I or Type V personal flotation device (PFD) when working around water
- Keep water rescue equipment easily accessible
- Know where extra PFDs and rescue rings are stowed
- Practice good housekeeping and keep travelways clear around water hazards
- Post warning signs near water hazards



**WATER RELATED FATALITIES CAN BE PREVENTED**