



## Stakeholders Best Practices Tailgate Health Meeting Series

***SAFETY AND  
HEALTH ARE  
VALUES!***

### **“Is that Cell Phone conversation worth the Price?”**

Today using a cell phone is commonplace in our society. Using a cell phone however, may be very hazardous in the mining industry. Have you ever driven down the highway and been distracted by your cell phone? Cell phone usage can cause inattention to your specific job assignments. This inattention may result in property damage, injury to your fellow miner or even worse ..... an injury to YOU!

#### **The Best Practices:**

- Never operate equipment while using a cell phone.
- Never operate a cell phone around flammable liquid.
- Store your cell phone in a location that will not startle you when it begins to ring or vibrate. A vibrating cell phone may startle you more by wearing it than hearing a ring tone.
- Let phone calls go to your voice mail to be retrieved later. Not all phone calls are life and death situations.
- Do not use your cell phone for receiving or sending text messages while operating equipment.
- Cell phones should be turned off within 100 feet of any blasting area.
- Site specific hazard training should include possible hazards associated with cell phone use.



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