



HAZARD ALERT

Maintenance and Repair Work at Metal and Nonmetal Mines

In the past four months, two fatal accidents occurred because tools or components fell from elevated work areas and struck miners working below.

On 10/1/07, a miner was fatally injured when he walked under a conveyor belt being repaired. He was struck by a return roller that fell as it was being installed.

On 1/25/08, a miner was fatally injured while shoveling at the bottom of a bucket elevator. Coworkers were performing work at the top of the elevator when a pry bar fell from the overhead work area and struck him.

In 2007, there were 11 nonfatal accidents involving falling tools and parts.

Best Practices

- Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage (SLAM) each task.
- Review maintenance procedures to ensure all possible hazards have been identified and appropriate controls are in place to protect persons.
- Establish policies to ensure that barricades, warning signs or toe boards are installed to prohibit access and protect persons from falling object hazards.

Take the time to evaluate the task