

Training Can Save Mine Owners and Mine Supervisors



There have been an alarming number of fatalities in both Metal and Nonmetal and Coal mines in which mine owners or supervisors were killed while performing these tasks. Some of these persons were not appropriately trained. Mine owners or supervisors must be trained before performing tasks.

Best Practices

- Ensure that mine owners and supervisors receive all MSHA required training.
- Establish safe work procedures and train all persons to recognize and understand these procedures.
- Ensure that all persons are task trained and understand the hazards associated with the work being performed.
- Immediately remove all personnel exposed to hazardous ground conditions and promptly correct the unsafe conditions. When the conditions cannot be corrected, barricade and post signs to prevent entry.
- Establish policies and procedures for safely clearing plugged material in a feed hopper. Evaluate design modifications or use auxiliary equipment to reduce the risks associated with clearing an obstruction.
- Deenergize and Lock-out/tag-out all power sources before working on equipment.
- Provide and maintain a safe means of access to all working places.
- Examine work areas and identify and control all hazards before starting any work.
- Do not perform work alone in any area where hazardous conditions exist that would endanger your safety.

