

FALL PROTECTION AWARENESS

Equipment Operators need Fall Protection Too!

Accessing, operating or maintaining self-propelled mobile equipment often requires activities such as climbing ladders or walking on machinery surfaces which expose miners to fall hazards, in all types of working conditions. Modern mobile equipment is designed to minimize slip and fall hazards; but large machinery, new and old, can require work at heights with a fall potential that can cause serious injury or death. 25 miners died as a result of falls from heights from 2005 through 2012 in Metal and Nonmetal mines.



Best Practices

- Inspect equipment for icy, wet, or oily areas at the start of each shift and whenever conditions change. Before climbing on, off or around mobile equipment, wear Footwear that is free of mud or other substances that could cause slipping.
- Persons climbing on or off mobile equipment should face the machine. Both hands should be free for gripping the ladder, handrail, or handhold. When necessary, a cord, rope, or other line should be used to lift and lower lunch pails, thermos bottles, or tools.
- Walkways should be no narrower than their original manufactured widths, constructed with slip-resistant surfaces, and securely attached. Unobstructed access should be provided to all areas of the machine where a person might travel.
- Handholds or handrails should be within easy reach at critical locations.



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