

## **METAL / NONMETAL Near Miss Accident**

Surface Crushed Limestone Mine – A driller lost control of his drill steel and lunged to catch the drill steel in order to keep it from falling over the highwall. In the process, the driller's footing gave way and the driller fell over the highwall berm. However, his safety harness lanyard engaged, preventing him from falling over the highwall itself. Nearby employees noticed the miner suspended upside down on the highwall and rescued the miner by dragging him up by his pant legs. The miner sustained only minor injuries.



### **Best Practices**

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures. Before starting any work, identify and control all hazards.
- Train all persons to recognize and understand safe job procedures, including the purpose of fall protection and the proper use of fall protection.
- Always use fall protection when working where a fall hazard exists.

