

## METAL / NONMETAL Near Miss Accident

Underground Gold Mine – A Contactor, Bolter operator, was assigned to wire and bolt a heading. Upon arriving at the area the miner heard an air leak on one of the drill boom hoses. The miner proceeded to the air leak and noticed loose material falling from the right-side back and rib. He proceeded out of the area to call his supervisor. Upon their return to the area, they found the bolter to be completely covered from a ground fall and the material was still coming in on top of the bolter.



### Best Practices

- Train persons to identify work place hazards and take corrective action.
- Design, install, and maintain a support system to control the ground in places where persons work or travel.
- Examine and test ground conditions in areas where work is to be performed prior to work commencing and as ground conditions warrant during the shift.
- When ground conditions create a hazard to persons, install additional ground support before other work is permitted in the affected area.
- Be alert to any change of ground conditions

