

DISTRICT 2 – COAL MINE NEAR MISS



Victim location prior to fall



On May 28, 2010 highwall drill operator, with 25 years experience, received serious injuries when he fell from the top of the cab of the Drilltech D40 K Highwall Drill he was operating. The victim was attempting to replace a detached drill steel into the carousel when he slipped and fell approximately 6 feet to the ground. The drill operator suffered a broken rib, punctured lung, and broken collar bone.

Best Practices

- Conduct a risk assessment before beginning any task; evaluate the work procedures, identify all possible hazards, and take steps to perform the task safely. SLAM it. Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage.
- Use fall protection and tie off where danger from falling exists
- Install barriers, guardrails, floor penetration covers, signs, handrail, platforms
- Secure/adequate travel ways or walkways
- Ladder use
- Mobile equipment ingress/egress
- Man lifts and boom trucks