

MSHA Accident Alert



Recently, a dozer operator, while preparing to push coal into a feeder, drove the dozer into the feeder entrance. The operator was thrown through the windshield. The operator was not wearing a seatbelt and received serious injuries.

Dozer Operator Best Practices

Dozer Operators SHOULD ALWAYS:

- **Wear their seatbelts.**
- **Keep all cab doors and windows closed and secured.**
- **Become familiar with the locations of the feeder draw points and visual indicators that identify which feeders are active.**
- **Know how to use the devices provided in the cab for remotely shutting down the stackers and feeders and ensure that they work.**
- **Keep the dozer facing the drawhole and keep the drawhole nearly full during loadout to avoid operating near the edge of a deep drawhole.**
- **Be aware that the diameter of the drawhole increases with increasing pile height and adjust their push distance to stay in a safe position when nearing the drawhole.**
- **For additional information, go to the following link:**
http://www.msha.gov/Accident_Prevention/newtechnologies/initiatives/surgepile/surgepile.htm