

Serious Accident

On June 20, 2013 a 32-year old miner with eleven years mining experience was seriously injured while working at an underground mine. The accident occurred when the victim was attempting to move around the rear of the energized roof bolting machine with close clearance between the machine and the outby coal rib. The bolt machine operator was at the inch tram controls located toward the center front of the machine. He repositioned the machine toward the right or inby direction to install a permanent roof support (spot bolt), pinning the victim between the machine at the main control station canopy and the coal rib. The accident resulted in serious internal abdominal injuries.



Best Practices:

- All persons shall remain in a safe location away from pinchpoints created by either the continuous mining machine and/or other equipment.
- Machine operators should be aware of the RED ZONES and PINCHPOINTS of their machine and quickly de-energize the machine when a miner enters these areas.
- All persons entering the work area of energized mining equipment should communicate their intentions and location verbally and by other methods to assure their safety.
- Never assume that mobile equipment operators can see you.