

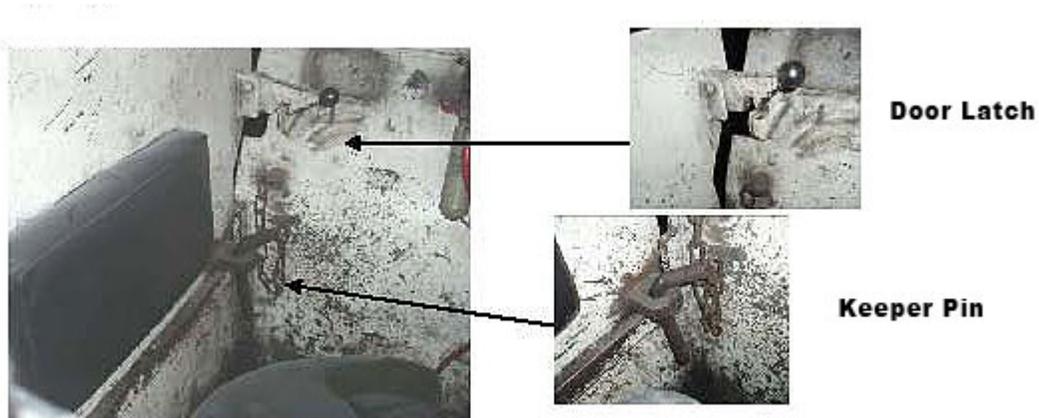


MSHA's Accident Prevention Program Safety Idea



Near Miss Incident – Door Latch

The operator of an M-2 longwall shield hauler hit a bump in the road resulting in the door latch accidentally releasing which caused the door to open. The door is used as the back rest of the operator's seat. The operator fell out of the cab while the machine was still in motion, but he was able to reach up with his foot and apply the emergency brake to stop the machine.



The mine operator installed an additional latch (keeper pin) at the bottom of the door to prevent the door from inadvertently opening. MSHA does not approve or otherwise endorse any particular door latch however; equipment and components should be designed to prevent the creation of potential hazards.

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MSHA extends a thank you and a tip of the hardhat to
Dugout Canyon Mine.

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