



MSHA's Accident Prevention Program Safety Idea



Lock Out/Tag Out With Picture

James Smith of Annville, PA offers a suggestion that could help reduce lock out / tag out related accidents. He suggests using a tag with your picture and name on it when locking out equipment.



A tag containing your picture allows positive identification, even if the name is not familiar. Also, miners may think twice about disregarding a tag if the photograph on the tag makes them realize that they are not only energizing a machine, but quite possibly their fellow miner.

From 2002 to the present, 39 fatal and 915 non-fatal accidents have been reported. This equates to 6.24 fatal and 146 non-fatal accidents per year. The suggestion from Mr. Smith may assist in reducing these types of accidents.

To aim for zero accidents, it is imperative to:

- **ALWAYS** perform electrical work with persons trained to do such work.
- **ALWAYS** lock and tag out an equipment's visual disconnecting device before performing any electrical work.
- **ALWAYS** test circuits to verify that they are de-energized.

A Miner's Tip on lock out tag out is available at:

http://www.msha.gov/Accident_Prevention/Tips/electlock.htm

MSHA extends a thank you and a tip of the hardhat to James Smith of Annville, PA, winner of a limited edition sticker and patch.

If you have a tip you would like to pass on, you can e-mail it to MinersTips@msha.gov.

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