

Fatal Accidents Alert

Two Mining Deaths Within 24 Hours



On January 25, 2017, a miner was found in an underground limestone mine after failing to exit the mine at the end of his shift. The miner was found under material that had fallen on him from a rib in an area of the mine that had been barricaded to prevent entry due to bad roof and rib conditions.

On January 26, 2017, a coal miner was discovered entangled at a conveyor belt drive, also after failing to exit the mine at the end of his shift.

In both of these instances the victims were working alone and in restricted areas where there were hazardous conditions.

Best Practices

- Never enter hazardous areas that have been dangered-off or otherwise identified to prohibit entry.
- Develop and train miners on a method that clearly alerts miners not to enter hazardous areas.
- If possible, do not work alone. If working alone, communicate intended movements to a responsible person.
- Before beginning any task, identify known and potential hazards.
- Never perform work on a moving conveyor belt.
- Ensure equipment guards are adequate and secure to prevent miners from contacting moving machine parts.
- Before working on equipment, de-energize electrical power, lock and tag the visual disconnect with your lock and tag, and block parts that can move against motion.



REMEMBER:
Safety depends upon what you
DO or DON'T DO.