

HAZARD ALERT

Working in the Longwall Face Conveyor Area

During the past two years, two miners have been killed by coal and rock falls while working between the face conveyor and the longwall face. Another ten have been injured while working either in the face conveyor area or in front of it.

Coal and rock falls can occur in this area because heavy pressures from the mining of the coal and caving of the roof can make the coal face and roof in front of the shield canopies highly unstable.



BEST PRACTICES

- Effective policies, programs, procedures, and controls should be in place to protect miners working in the face conveyor area or in front of it.
- Never work or travel under unsupported roof!
- The longwall coal face should be controlled before miners work next to it.
- Whenever possible, work from the walkway side of the face conveyor to perform maintenance or remove material from under the conveyor.
- Make frequent examinations and be alert to changing conditions which may affect roof, rib, or face conditions.
- Miners should be adequately trained in the safe work practices and required support before working in the face conveyor area or in by the shield canopies.

REMEMBER

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

