

METAL / NONMETAL

Serious Injury Accident

Gold Ore Mine – A dozer operator was ripping material perpendicular to a 30% slope when it struck a large rock, tipping the dozer on its right side. The dozer operator was wearing a seat belt and while still suffering injuries, was able to return to work the next day.



Best Practices

- Conduct a thorough visual examination of highwalls and spoil banks immediately before any work is performed and thereafter as conditions warrant.
- Train all equipment operators on proper work procedures and hazard recognition before they operate equipment.
- Conduct pre-operational checks to identify any defects affecting safe equipment operation before placing into service.
- Maintain equipment braking and steering systems in good repair.
- Ensure equipment operators receive proper task training.
- Consult the owner's manual to determine operator skills and use of proper equipment when operating in extreme slope conditions.
- Keep the dozer blade between you and the edge when operating close to drop offs.
- Always wear seat belts when operating mobile equipment.

