

Think and Stay Alert On the Job-- --to Avoid Incidents, Injuries, and Fatalities

In 2013, many injuries occurred, in part, by persons failing to stay alert or to find hazards and eliminate them to maintain a safe and healthful workplace. Ensure all persons are properly trained, including task training, on the job they are performing. Ensure that all examination are being conducted at the locations in which (where) miners are working.



Could these accidents occur at your facility?

- A miner was injured when he was changing the grinding disc on a portable side grinder. After placing the tool in between his legs without unplugging the power cord, the tool's switch came into contact with his leg, resulting in the power coming back on. The grinding disc cut his left forefinger in between the first and second joints.
- A miner was walking toward the plant, took a shortcut through the snow-covered grass, fell and fractured his ankle.
- A miner suffered burns on his right foot when hot slag fell onto his protective footwear, and fell through a hole that had formed on the footwear.

Best Practices

- Think before you act.
- Follow not just of company rules on safety and health, but also best practices for the tasks to be performed. (Refer to: MSHA-NSSGA Alliance's Core Principles of Safety document).
- Be on the look-out for hazards and eliminate them if any are found.



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