

Southern WV Safety Alert

A utility man was operating a highwall drill on an upper bench located approximately 80 feet above a lower bench. He had positioned the drill to within 28 inches of the edge of the highwall with the operator's cab entrance on the highwall side. He had exited the cab and marked the first row of drill holes with spray paint. He then apparently walked back to the drill and was attempting to board the machine when he fell over the edge of the highwall and sustained serious injuries.



Preventive Practices:

- ✓ Conduct proper examinations to ensure that work areas are safe before entering.
- ✓ Position equipment a safe distance from the edge of highwalls.
- ✓ Do not position equipment so that boarding and unboarding must be done on the highwall side.
- ✓ Wear safety belts and lines where there is a danger of falling.

