



## Enforcement Summary: Falls from Elevation Fatalities in Coal Mines

From January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2008, 19 fatalities resulted from individuals falling from elevations in coal mines. A description of frequently cited standards and the tragic consequences of noncompliance follows below.<sup>1</sup>

**30 C.F.R. § 77.1710(g)** requires that safety belts and lines be worn where there is danger of falling.

Miners were fatally injured when:

- they were working at heights and were not properly tied off during construction and demolition of buildings and maintenance/dismantling of equipment. This also included fatalities where miners fell while working from an aerial lift truck.

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<sup>1</sup> In many cases noncompliance with more than one standard contributed to the fatal accidents. These frequently cited standards are not the only standards cited for this accident category.