



Enforcement Summary: Falls of Roof and Rib Fatalities in Metal and Nonmetal Mines

From January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2008, 10 fatalities resulted from accidents in which individuals were struck by falling roof rock or rib in metal and nonmetal mines. A description of frequently cited standards and the tragic consequences of noncompliance follows below.¹

30 C.F.R. § 57.3360 requires that ground support necessary for the safety of miners be designed, installed and maintained where miners work and or travel.

Miners were fatally injured when:

- the operator failed to design, install, and maintain support systems, when ground support was necessary.
- miners were working under unsupported roof.

¹ 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.
