The middle (or pivot point) of the continuous miner is NOT a safe place to be!

Many miners believe that the pivot point of the continuous miner is a safe place to position themselves. The pivot point is within an unsafe area, or Red Zone. The continuous miner is not a stationary piece of equipment, and the pivot point moves as the machine moves. Also, unintentional movement of the machine is possible as conditions change. Miner operators must protect themselves and their coworkers from unintentional movement, mechanical problems, and human error.

“Best Practices”

- Remember! The pivot point of the continuous miner moves as the machine moves.
- Never operate the continuous miner when anyone is within its turning radius.
- Stay out of the Red Zone!