

Electrical Cable Safety Bulletin

BEST PRACTICES

- Protect the trailing cables and place them in safe locations where they can not be run over by mobile equipment.
- When a damaged trailing cable is found, de-energize the equipment and remove it from service. Disconnect the cable and ensure the disconnecting device is locked-out and tagged before working on the damaged cable.
- After repairs are completed and *before* re-energizing the circuit, ensure that all persons are in a safe location. Thoroughly communicate with others prior to resetting a breaker.

Many accidents have occurred when miners repairing trailing cables fail to lock out and tag the plug. These accidents occur when power is restored by someone other than the individual making the repairs and without his or her knowledge.

