Use Fall Protection

Block Equipment Against Motion

Ten fatalities occurred in the aggregates industry in 2010 and 50% of these victims were contractor employees. Details of these contractor fatalities are as follows:

●An electrician was installing ground fault indicator lights when an arc flash occurred.
●A blaster was conducting a post-exam when the ground collapsed engulfing him.
●A drill operator was struck by a drill rig that rolled down a grade.
●The victim was underneath a front-end loader, with the engine running, checking a hydraulic fuel leak when the equipment moved and rolled over him.
● While working at an elevated height, a welder climbed a ladder preparing to weld an overhead pipe. He fell over the hand rail, and died from a fall of 40 feet.
●Four out of the five contractor fatalities involved contractors working in maintenance.
●80% of these fatalities occurred in the final quarter of the year**.**

Best Practices:

Maintenance activities by their nature are not routine tasks. Accordingly, contractors performing maintenance need to make safety practices a **HABIT:**

> **Hazard**
> **Assessment**
> **Before**
> **Initiating**
> **Task**

●All mine operators should make it a HABIT to ensure that contractors have thought through the tasked job and address/eliminate any hazards that person could encounter.
●This is a "basic" risk assessment and an "excellent Safety HABIT" to get into for oneself, one's co-workers and all contractors.