

U.S. Department of Labor  
Mine Safety and Health Administration  
Educational Field and Small Mine Services



Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Competent Person \_\_\_\_\_ Duration \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

**Ground Control: working in areas of high walls.**

**Review procedures for inspecting and working high wall areas.**

- Inspect high walls for loose rocks, overhanging materials, vertical and horizontal cracks. [56.3130](#); [.3200](#); [.3401](#)
- Boulders, trees, or other material which might fall. [56.3131](#)

**Discuss hazards encountered at mine site while working around high walls.**

- Discuss weather which affect ground conditions, including rain, snow, freezing, and thawing. [56.11016](#)
- All work areas are sufficiently illuminated to inspect ground conditions. [56.17001](#)
- Maintain berms at outer edge and base of walls. [56.9300](#)
- Be aware of potential of falling rock when working on foot around high walls. [56.3200](#)
- Do not work between equipment and high wall where equipment may hinder escape. [56.3430](#)

**Report immediately any unsafe conditions not readily corrected.**

- Barricade and post areas where unsafe ground conditions have not been promptly corrected.
- Do not perform other work where unsafe conditions exist until unsafe conditions are corrected. [56.3202](#)
- Barricade and post these areas for the hazard. [56.3200](#); [.20011](#)

**Safety Belts and Lines shall be worn where there is a danger of falling.**

- When working on high walls fall protection should be worn when drilling and loading shots. [56.15005](#)
- Sufficient anchoring points should be determined.

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**Attendees:**