



Enforcement Summary: Struck by Mobile Equipment Fatalities in Metal and Nonmetal Mines

From January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2008, 21 fatalities resulted from accidents in which individuals were struck by mobile equipment in metal and nonmetal mines. A description of frequently cited standards and the tragic consequences of noncompliance follows below.¹

30 C.F.R. § 56.14207 requires that mobile equipment not be left unattended unless the controls are placed in the park position and the parking brake, if provided, is engaged. In addition, when parked on a grade, the wheels or tracks of the mobile equipment must be either chocked or turned into a bank (berm) or rib to assure the mobile equipment will not move while unattended.

Miners were fatally injured when:

- unattended mobile equipment unexpectedly moved.

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.