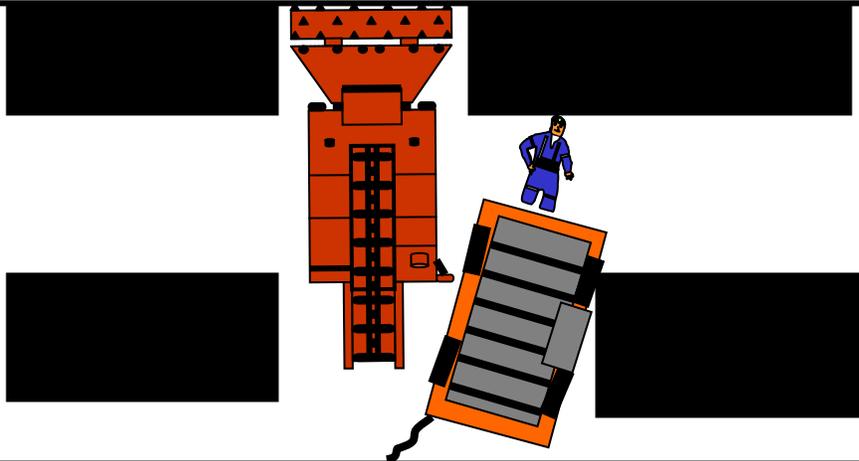




SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



On August 8, 2005, at 9:30 p.m., a continuous miner operator was struck by a shuttle car. The shuttle car had just been loaded and began to travel up an incline when, for unknown reasons, it suddenly rolled backwards. The miner operator, with his back turned toward the shuttle car, was struck by the bumper of the car. The miner operator's left leg was fractured in two locations, one above the knee and one below the knee.

- Operators of mobile equipment shall face in the direction of travel when moving their equipment.
- When an emergency situation occurs, the machine panic bar should be activated to de-energize the motors to lock the brakes and stop the machine.
- Task training for operators of mobile equipment should always include operational and safety procedures to follow while operating on inclines.
- Mining personnel should always closely observe mobile equipment located in their work area to insure adequate clearance should an emergency situation arise, especially on or near inclines.

ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM