

HAZARD **A**LERT **L**IVE **T**OMORROW

Surface Haulage Safety Alert

On Monday December 11, 2017 at approximately 9:35 a.m., a serious personal injury occurred at a Wise County surface mine. A hauler operator was in the process of climbing up a boarding ladder to the operators cab of a Caterpillar 785B hauler when he slipped and fell approximately seven feet to the ground. The victim was given first aid and transported by Med Flight to a local hospital and admitted with nine broken ribs. The victim spent three nights in the hospital.



Recommendations:

- To assure a safe work environment, the following recommendations are provided to prevent similar occurrences:
- Always maintain three point contact according to equipment design when mounting and dismounting equipment.
- Employees should not carry loose items while mounting and dismounting equipment.
- All loose items should be moved up and down elevated work areas with a device (such as a rope and bucket attached) so that three point contact can be maintained at all times.
- Always remain vigilant and be constantly aware of your surroundings.
- Regular safety meetings should be conducted with equipment operators regarding the importance of following established safety procedures for mounting and dismounting equipment.