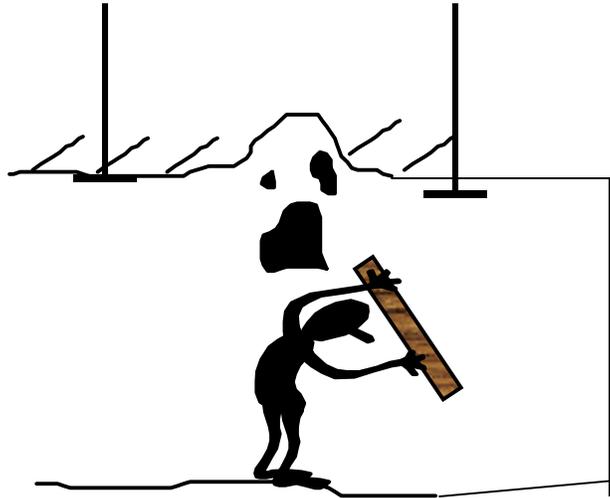




## SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



On July 29, 2003, at 2:30 A.M., while setting timbers, thirty (30) breaks outby the section in No. three entry, in the left crosscut, 25' inby spad 12618, a piece of rock measuring, 24" by 17" by 0 to 8" thick fell from a height of 8'4" and struck a 3<sup>rd</sup> shift bull gang worker on the head.

Numerous, serious roof fall injuries have occurred in Virginia coal mines and one roof fall fatality occurred in Virginia when a section of roof measuring 58" long, 44" wide and 8" thick, fell between the rib and a roof bolt, on March 23, 1998.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **Visually examine the roof for changed conditions.**
- **Watch for gaps and cracks between roof bolts.**
- **Sound the roof in your work area.**
- **Take down or support any loose roof in the work area.**
- **Do not prepare support materials under loose roof.**
- **Observe wet roof areas for loosened material.**