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# When **YOU** least expect it – You could get hurt. Make the right decision!

In 2007, fatal accidents at Metal and Nonmetal mines increased from 10 on May 31 to an alarming 20 fatalities by July 31. Seven of the latest fatalities involved powered haulage or machinery, and eight involved miners performing maintenance, repair, or construction work. Seven contractor employees were fatally injured at mine sites this year.



## Remove Powered Haulage and Machinery Hazards to Prevent Fatalities

### Miners should always:

- Identify all hazards, and potential hazards
- Examine your work area
- Be aware of people and activities in the area
- Do thorough pre-operational inspections and correct defects
- Be trained to safely operate the equipment
- Evaluate the ground stability prior to operating equipment near any drop off or edge

## Contractors Have Safety and Health Responsibilities



### Contractors should know safe work procedures for:

- Lockout/Tagout
- Blocking against motion
- Use of fall protection
- Performing the required work
- Area and equipment safety checks