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Miners' Rights



Hazardous Condition Complaint

You can report violations, hazardous conditions, or an imminent danger to an MSHA employee by calling or writing any MSHA inspector or office or by calling MSHA's "One Call Does It All" at 1-800-746-1553, 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Federal Law provides for a variety of rights for individuals employed as miners, designated representatives of miners, and applicants for employment in mine related jobs.

For more information on Miners' Rights, contact your nearest MSHA office or go to www.msha.gov

These statutory rights are guaranteed to all miners by Federal law

- Right to select a representative for safety and health purposes
- Right to refuse to work under conditions or practices believed to be unsafe, unhealthy, or illegal
- Right to report a suspected violation or danger to the operator, miner's representative, or MSHA without discrimination or reprisal
- Right to have a representative participate in a pre- and post-inspection conference

Right to have a representative accompany an MSHA inspector during inspection without loss of pay (“walkaround” rights)

Right to effective health and safety training

Right to free Black Lung examinations and tests

Right to protection from discrimination for exercising statutory rights

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