

MSHA MINE FATALITY – On June 10, 2019, a 22-year-old contractor with 3 years of experience, was fatally injured when he was pinned between a front-end loader and a concrete block. The victim was working in a conduit trench, preparing to install a junction box. The plant manager was using a front-end loader above to back fill the trench. The front-end loader over travelled the edge and toppled into the trench.



Best Practices

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures. Identify and eliminate or control all hazards associated with the task being performed.
- Train and monitor persons on safe work positioning.
- Keep mobile equipment a safe distance from the edge of unstable ground, open excavations, and steep embankments.
- Operating speeds should be consistent with conditions of roadways, grades, and the type of equipment used.
- Assure equipment operators are familiar with their working environment. Front-end loader operators must ensure personnel are not near the machine when in operation.

This is the 10th MSHA fatality reported in calendar year 2019. As of this date in 2018, there were 9 MSHA fatalities reported. This is the 4th Powered Haulage accident classification fatality in 2019. There were five fatalities classified as a Powered Haulage accident during the same period in 2018.

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