

METAL / NONMETAL

Near Miss Accident

Underground Lime Stone Mine – April 2015 – A roof-bolter operator was working under supported back/roof, when the victim was struck by a piece of falling roof that measured 3 foot by 1 foot and varied in thickness up to 3 inches. The miner was transported to the hospital and he was treated for his injuries.



Best Practices

- Examine and test ground conditions prior to performing work.
- Take down or support ground that creates a hazard to persons before performing other work or travel in the affected area.
- Train miners in safe work procedures and hazard recognition, specifically when bolting.
- Design, install, and maintain a supplemental support system to control ground where additional support is necessary.
- Promptly initiate action to install additional support when adverse ground conditions are identified.

