

METAL/NONMETAL Serious Accident Alert

Surface Sand & Gravel – A contractor narrowly escaped significant injury when the loader he was attempting to change a tire on lowered, pinning him between the ground and the machine. The loader was parked on unconsolidated ground, and the jack and stand used to lift the unit sank into the unconsolidated material. Personnel in the area used mobile equipment to raise the unit and successfully extracted the miner.



Best Practices

- Conduct thorough examination of workplaces prior to starting work.
- Properly block and chock equipment during maintenance.
- Ensure that new personnel receive all appropriate training.
- Use only properly sized tools and equipment when blocking and chocking equipment in the raised position.
- Ensure lifting devices are placed on firm ground.
- Never work alone when exposed to confined spaces or hazardous motion risks.



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