



U.S. Department of Labor
Mine Safety and Health Administration

MNM HAZARD ALERT Falling/Sliding Material

Between January 2006 and January 2009, there have been 10 fatal and 20 non-fatal accidents involving falling/sliding material.

- 01/09** - 12-foot piece of steel fell, fatally injuring a miner operating skid steer under an overhead conveyor being dismantled.
- 10/08** - Steel tool rack fell, fatally injuring miner dismantling it.
- 10/08** - 50-foot section of pipe fell on & fatally injured miner unloading it from a flatbed truck.
- 08/08** - Crane rigging failed when lifting a counterweight for a scaling machine; the counterweight fell, fatally injuring miner.
- 01/08** - Pry bar fell from an overhead work area, striking and fatally injuring miner working below.
- 10/07** - Belt roller being changed fell, striking and fatally injuring a miner working below.

BEST PRACTICES

- *Identify/control* hazards
- *Establish/communicate* procedures
- *Train* all involved
- *Identify* danger zones & fence them
- *Post* warning signs
- *Follow* basic safety rules
- *Don't* take chances

Accidents and fatalities
can be prevented!

