



# Fatality Alert



**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** – A contract maintenance mechanic was performing elevator maintenance when the car descended, crushing the mechanic against an elevator platform. The person died at the scene on December 3, 2019.



## Best Practices

1. **De-energize, lock out and tag out, and block** machinery or equipment that can injure miners – before entering the area.
2. **Post warning signs or barricades** to keep miners out of areas where health or safety hazards exist.
3. Install an **audible alarm** to warn of impending equipment movement.
4. **Evaluate and correct possible hazards** promptly before working.
5. **Train personnel** in safely using handrails and fall protection equipment during maintenance and construction activities. Ensure their use.

This is the 22nd fatality reported in 2019, and the seventh fatality classified as “Machinery.”

---

The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data only and does not represent final determinations regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the fatality.

**Report accidents and hazardous conditions: 1-800-746-1553**  
**msha.gov | askmsha@dol.gov | @MSHA\_DOL**