



# Aggregate Contractor Fatalities



**Use Fall Protection**

**Block Equipment Against Motion**

Ten fatalities occurred in the aggregates industry in 2010 and 50% of these victims were contractor employees. Details of these contractor fatalities are as follows:

- An electrician was installing ground fault indicator lights when an arc flash occurred.
- A blaster was conducting a post-exam when the ground collapsed engulfing him.
- A drill operator was struck by a drill rig that rolled down a grade.
- The victim was underneath a front-end loader, with the engine running, checking a hydraulic fuel leak when the equipment moved and rolled over him.
- While working at an elevated height, a welder climbed a ladder preparing to weld an overhead pipe. He fell over the hand rail, and died from a fall of 40 feet.
- Four out of the five contractor fatalities involved contractors working in maintenance.
- 80% of these fatalities occurred in the final quarter of the year.

## Best Practices:

Maintenance activities by their nature are not routine tasks. Accordingly, contractors performing maintenance need to make safety practices a **HABIT**:

**Hazard  
Assessment  
Before  
Initiating  
Task**

- All mine operators should make it a HABIT to ensure that contractors have thought through the tasked job and address/eliminate any hazards that person could encounter.
- This is a “basic” risk assessment and an “excellent Safety HABIT” to get into for oneself, one’s co-workers and all contractors.

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