## VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS AND ENERGY

## AZARD ALERT LIVE OMORROW

## **Serious Personal Injury**

On Friday, December 11,2020 at 2:24 p.m., a shuttle car operator at a Dickenson County deep mine was seriously injured. A piece of draw rock dislodged and struck the employee on his right thumb. The injured employee received First Aid and was flown to a local hospital. Surgery was required on the thumb.





## Recommendations:

- ✓ Before performing any work, miners should evaluate the area and the work they performing to identify any hazards associated with the task.
- ✓ Workplace exams should be ongoing throughout the shift by all personnel.
- ✓ Communicate with co-workers to identify hazards.
- ✓ Remain focused on identifying hazards and correcting them.
- ✓ Experienced production personnel should be trained to recognize and correct unsafe practices as well as any dangerous conditions.
- ✓ Always remain vigilant and be aware of your surroundings.
- ✓ Take down or support any loose material from roof, rib and faces.

