

On July 11, 2005 at about 3:15 a.m., a roof bolter operator was attempting to adjust the tilt level on the drill head of a dual boom Fletcher roof bolter. The wrench, he was using, slipped off the drill head lock nut causing his arm to strike the jagged edge of a roof pan that had been damaged by other mining activity. The roof bolter operator sustained a laceration to his right upper arm near his elbow and required surgery to repair the muscle.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Always check the area for possible hazards before performing work.
- Ensure adequate clearance is available prior to performing work in all areas of the mine.
- Deformed roof caps should be repaired to prevent hazards to workers.

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