



SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN

SURFACE HAULAGE NEAR MISS



On September 20, 2004, at approximately 5:00 p.m., a contract coal truck driver was injured when his 1984 Ford tandem truck traveled out of control down an inclined mine haul road and overturned against the hillside. The driver stated the transmission came out of gear causing the operator to lose control of the vehicle. The injured miner was transported to Grundy General Hospital and then flown to Holston Valley Hospital. The injured miner received five broken ribs, a bruised lung and a bruised kidney. He had been employed by this contractor as a truck driver for three weeks and had ____ years experience operating coal trucks.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Always conduct proper pre-operational checks on your equipment and report any deficiencies to the proper persons.
- Always keep your vehicle under control at all times.
- Never attempt to change gears while descending a grade in a loaded truck.
- Always remain in the confines of the vehicle, never attempt to jump from a moving vehicle.

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