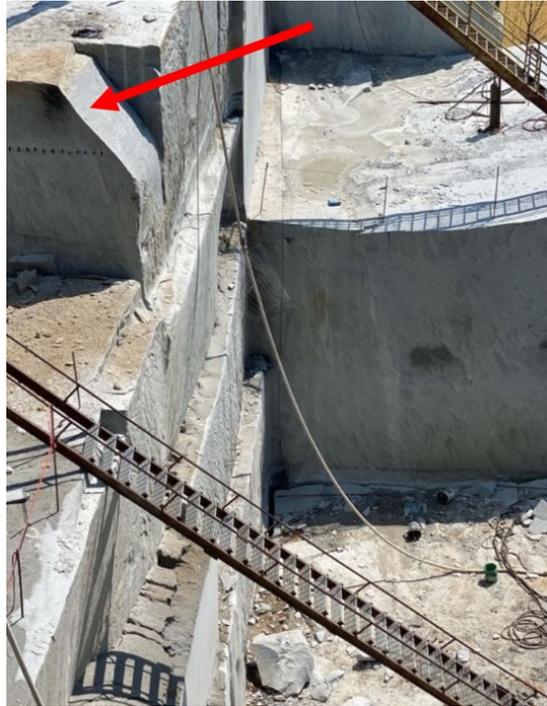


Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On July 28, 2021, a miner was standing on a rock ledge to extract dimensional stone when a triangular section of the rock broke off, causing the miner to fall approximately 35 feet.



Best Practices

- **Use fall protection** when a potential fall hazard exists. Ensure fall protection has a suitable fall arrest and secure anchorage system.
- **Examine working places** to identify loose ground or unstable conditions before work begins, after blasting, and as changing ground conditions warrant. Ensure examiners have adequate training and experience to recognize potential hazards.
- **Assess risks and control hazards** before beginning work activities. Remain a safe distance from cracks and any sign of unstable ground conditions.
- **Assure a safe means of access** is provided and maintained to all working places. Use personnel lifts and ladders, as required.
- **Train miners and ensure they perform work safely, use tools properly, and utilize personal protective equipment correctly.**

This is the 21st fatality reported in 2021, and the first classified as “Falling, Rolling, or Sliding Rock or Material of Any Kind.”

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