



No Trespassing on Mines Stay Out – Stay Alive



As the summer months grow shorter and schools begin to go back to session, make sure to check your mine site property for no-trespassing signs and for evidence of unwelcomed trespasser's.

If a mine operator knows people are trespassing regularly and if the operator knows of hazardous conditions to which trespassers may be exposed, property owner must warn of dangers on the property.

Each year, dozens of people are injured or killed in recreational accidents at active and abandoned quarries, mines and pits.

Mine hazards may not be obvious to trespassers. Pits and water-filled quarries can conceal old machinery and rock ledges; water can be deeper and colder than people believe; and slippery, steep quarry walls can make exiting the water difficult. In addition, loose material can collapse, and vertical shafts can be deep, unprotected and not readily visible.

MSHA encourages mine operators to inspect their mines for hazards; build or fix fences, gates and berms; post additional signage; and issue public service announcements and discuss mine hazards through local media outlets.

Through the Stay Out – Stay Alive campaign, MSHA and its partners work to educate children, adults and communities at large about the hidden hazards that await the unsuspecting hiker, off-roader or swimmer.

**Be on the lookout for rock hunters!!!
Many times, they hunt at night which
can offer a whole different set of
challenges.**



MSHA's Stay Out – Stay Alive campaign offers additional information about hazards at abandoned mines. <https://www.msha.gov/sosa>

Even if a mine operator has no legal duty to protect a trespasser, this may be little consolation when thinking later of something that would have prevented a death or injury of someone wandering onto mine property.

Visit the following link to learn more about legal consequences www.pitandquarry.com/trespassers-at-mines/