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Tool Box Talk  
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## Conveyor Belt Safety/Mining

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

**MINE FATALITY** – On July 29, 2020, a miner was injured when his arm became entangled in a stacker conveyor belt. The victim was airlifted to a trauma center where he passed away a week later.



#### Best Practices:

- **Turn off, lock out power sources and block against motion** before removing or bypassing a guard or other safety device to clean, repair, perform maintenance or clear a blockage on a belt conveyor. **LOCK OUT/TAG OUT**
- **Never clean pulleys or idlers manually while belt conveyors are operating.**
- **Avoid wearing loose-fitting clothing** and keep tools, body parts and long hair away from moving belt conveyor components.
- **Train all personnel in safe work procedures.**
- **Properly guard moving machine parts** to protect persons from contact that could cause injury.

Gray & Son: Let us follow these Best Practices whether it is maintenance on equipment or maintenance at one of the plants. Always respect the power of the equipment.

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