

Examination of Working Places

[MSHA 56 Subpart Q - Safety Programs]

.18002 Examination of Working Places.

(a) A competent person designated by the operator shall examine each working place at least once each shift for conditions which may adversely affect safety or health. The operator shall promptly initiate appropriate action to correct such conditions.

(b) A record that such examinations were conducted shall be kept by the operator for a period of one year, and shall be made available for review by the Secretary or his authorized representative.

(c) In addition, conditions that may present an imminent danger which are noted by the person conducting the examination shall be brought to the immediate attention of the operator who shall withdraw all persons from the area affected (except persons referred to in section 104(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977) until the danger is abated.

Highwall Safety Scenario

Basil complained to his wife last night. He said that little chunks of rock kept falling on his bucket all day long. He was really glad to hurry away from that dirty mine and get cleaned up. He didn't even wait to say goodnight to any of the other men. This morning as the foreman began his highwall inspection, there was a terrible landslide and he was buried. The foreman should never have been buried alive.

What should Basil have done the previous night that would have saved the foreman?

Basil should have immediately brought the condition to the attention of his supervisor.

Devise an Examination of Working Places form that works well for your operation. The attached is an example that is easily clipped to a clipboard.

Have your miner AND designated competent person thoroughly observe and consider all physical hazards and weather related conditions that may affect the safety of persons in the mine.

Examination of Workplaces - March 2009

Date		Examiner's Name	Supv Init	Workplace(s) Examined
Sun	03/01			
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Examination of Workplaces - April 2009

Date	Examiner's Name	Supv Init	Workplace(s) Examined
Wed 04/01			
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Examination of Workplaces - May 2009

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Examination of Workplaces - June 2009

Date		Examiner's Name	Workplace(s) Examined
Mon	06/01		<small>Supv Init</small>
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Examination of Workplaces - July 2009

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Examination of Workplaces - August 2009

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Examination of Workplaces - Sept 2009

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Examination of Workplaces - Oct 2009

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Examination of Workplaces - Nov 2009

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