Kentucky DMS – Safety Alert Bulletin No.2

On Thursday, August 20, 2020, a 33-year-old Surface Miner with 3 years of total mining experience was injured at a surface mine site in the Hazard Branch. The miner appears to have been pinned between machinery components while attempting to service the machine. He received multiple severe internal crushing type injuries as a result of the accident.

**Accident Scene**

![Accident Scene Image]

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT A SIMILAR OCCURRENCE**

1. Never position yourself in an area where you can become pinned between moving parts or the release of stored energy.
2. Train miners to use effective means of communication between themselves and equipment operators.
3. Before servicing mobile equipment ensure equipment is parked on level ground with machinery blocked against motion.
4. Service/Maintenance vehicles shall be parked a safe distance from all equipment being serviced.
5. Employees shall be trained in safe working procedures regarding working around equipment.