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### SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN

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#### Kentucky DMS Safety Alert No. 3 – Underground Powered Haulage

On September 26, 2023, a miner was injured while working at an underground mine in the Madisonville Branch.

The accident occurred while the miner was making repairs to an electrical trailing cable. He was approximately 17 feet from the backside of the wing curtain, anticipating that he would have time to react if someone were passed through it. However, when the battery-powered scoop unexpectedly backed through the curtain, he was partially run over, resulting in injuries.

### **ACCIDENT SCENE**



### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Visibly mark areas where maintenance is performed to inform others the area is impassable.
2. Audible warning devices must be sounded before proceeding through temporary ventilation stoppings to alert others of your intentions.
3. Maintain good communication with miners on the section of your intentions before beginning work of any type.