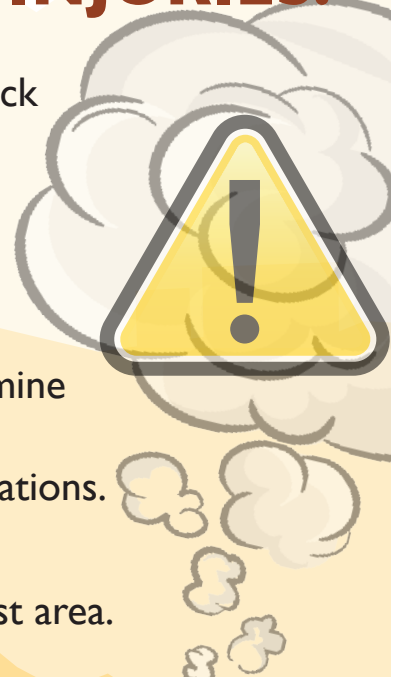


HOW TO LESSEN THE RISKS OF BLASTING

Any blasting operation at a mining site can carry safety risks that you may not expect. Always pay close attention when the blasting is being planned and executed. The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) recommends these best practices to avoid accidents.

SEVEN TIPS FOR AVOIDING INJURIES:

- ✓ To prevent flyrock, consider mine conditions and rock strata when designing blasts.
- ✓ Closely follow mine procedures and guidelines through all phases of the blasting operation.
- ✓ Schedule blasting between shifts or on off-shifts.
- ✓ Utilize suitable blast shelters for all persons at the mine site during blasting.
- ✓ Use restricted areas for non-enclosed blasting operations.
- ✓ Keep coworkers away from the blaster.
- ✓ Always consider flyrock when determining your blast area.



HOW FAR AWAY SHOULD YOU BE?

Your blast area should be a minimum of 1.5 times the furthest distance than any previous flyrock has traveled.

All company blasting activities will be done in accordance with MSHA, BATFE, state & local regulatory requirements.



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