

# State of West Virginia Description of Fatal Mine Accidents

## COAL FATALS

### — 2024 —

#### August 5, 2024 – Leer Mine – Classification – Powered Haulage

On August 5, 2024, a miner was struck in the head while using an air lifting bag to rerail a longwall electrical power car. On August 7, 2024, the miner died from his injuries.

#### July 12, 2024 – Wyco Surface Mine – Classification – Powered Haulage

A truck driver was seriously injured after being struck by the bucket of a front-end loader. On July 23, 2024, the truck driver died from her injuries.

#### May 16, 2024 – Coal Mountain No. 1 – Classification – Machinery

A contractor died after the excavator he was operating fell over a highwall.

### — 2023 —

#### August 18 2023 – Twin State Mine No. 39 – Classification – Drowning

A miner was installing hose for a dewatering pump when he was found lying in water and mud on the mine floor. [WV Investigation Report](#)

#### March 22, 2023 – Longview Mine – Classification – Powered Haulage

A miner died when a battery powered personnel carrier he was riding on overturned. The vehicle drifted backwards, and after striking the coal rib, pinned the victim beneath it. [WV Investigation Report](#)

#### February 26, 2023 – LMS Excavating – Classification – Machinery

A contractor employee died when the bulldozer he was operating left the haul road and rolled down a hill. The contractor employee was ejected from the bulldozer. [WV Investigation Report](#)

### — 2022 —

#### September 1, 2022 – Coalburg Tunnel Mine – Classification – Electrical

A miner was electrocuted when he contacted a hook that became energized after it penetrated the 480-volt cable that supplied power to a roof bolting machine. [WV Investigation Report](#)

#### August 17, 2022 – Tunnel Ridge Mine – Classification – Powered Haulage

Victim died when he was caught between a supply car and its coupler. The victim was sitting on the supply car which was coupled to a locomotive parked in a track spur. The locomotive was struck by another locomotive pulling three loaded cars into the mine. The impact knocked the victim off the supply car, killing him. [WV Investigation Report](#)

#### February 28, 2022 – Berwind Deep Mine – Classification – Machinery

A contract miner was trammed a single boom face drill to the surface when he became pinned between the drill and the coal rib. [WV Investigation Report](#)

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### January 14, 2022 – Ohio County Mine – Classification – Fall of Person

While replacing a belt conveyor roller inside a preparation plant, a contractor fell approximately 27 feet onto a concrete floor. [WV Investigation Report](#)

— 2021 —

### January 22, 2021 – Davy Branch Mine – Classification – Powered Haulage

The victim was struck by another shuttle car that was traveling to the feeder. The victim died from complications of his injuries on February 21, 2021. [WV Investigation Report](#)

### June 2, 2021 – Marion County Mine – Classification – Fall of Rib

The victim was fatally injured after being struck by a rib roll and pinned against a roof bolting machine while it was being used to install rib bolts. [WV Investigation Report](#)

### June 3, 2021 – Horse Creek Eagle Mine – Classification – Powered Haulage

The victim was crossing through an intersection and was struck by a shuttle car, resulting in fatal injuries. [WV Investigation Report](#)

### August 4, 2021 – Marfork Coal Company – Classification – Fall of Person

The victim was cleaning a piece of equipment when he fell resulting in fatal injuries. [WV Investigation Report](#)

### August 11, 2021 – Carter Roag Coal Co – Classification – Powered Haulage

The victim received fatal crushing injuries while conducting a pre-operational check of the tandem coal truck that he was going to operate. [WV Investigation Report](#)

### November 1, 2021 – Mountaineer II Mine – Classification – Powered Haulage

The victim was traveling down the slope travelway on a rubber tire EMU (Electronic Mine Utility Vehicle) when the vehicle crashed, resulting in fatal injuries. [WV Investigation Report](#)

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