

# Hazard Alert



## Worker Fatally Injured While Performing Maintenance on Hydraulic Stairs

A worker was fatally injured while performing maintenance on the hydraulic stairs of a rock haul truck.

### Safe Work Practices:

- Ensure that any hydraulic, pneumatic, and electrical systems have hold-to-run controls.
- Follow Lockout/Tag Out procedures, and secure all elevated parts against accidental movement before working under them.
- Do not operate machinery or equipment until you receive training, and know how to do the work safely.
- Ensure warning labels are posted on all pinch-point locations.
- Conduct hazard assessments of all work processes, and follow the resulting safe work procedures.
- Stay at the controls while raising or lowering equipment.

### What the Legislation Says:

#### ***NWT Occupational Health and Safety Regulations:***

##### **Section 147.**

(1) Subject to section 148, an employer shall, before a worker undertakes the maintenance, testing, repair or adjustment of a machine other than a power tool, ensure that the machine is locked out and remains locked out during that activity unless doing so puts a worker at risk. ...

#### ***NWT Mine Health & Safety Regulations:***

##### **Section 10.21.**

- (1) The manager shall develop a lock-out procedure for each mechanical or electrical equipment system, and the procedure shall
- (a) include the requirements of subsections (2) to (6) and sections 10.22 and 10.23;
  - (b) address the sources of all hazards that may be presented when a person is working on the equipment or system; and

