



**Fatality #22 - October 30, 2003**  
**Powered Haulage - MI - Dimension Stone**  
**Classic Stone, LLC - Grindstone Mine**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** – On October 30, 2003, a 22-year-old equipment operator, with 1½ years experience, was fatally injured at a surface stone operation. The victim was following a front-end loader in his personal pickup truck on a single lane mine road. The front-end loader stopped and backed over the pickup, fatally injuring the driver.



**Best Practices**

- **Check all mirrors prior to moving mobile equipment to be certain no one is in your intended path.**
- **Ensure that all persons are clear before moving equipment. Sound your horn to warn unseen persons that you are about to move and wait a few moments to give them time to get to a safe location.**
- **Establish procedures that require smaller vehicles to maintain a safe distance from large mobile equipment until eye contact is made or approval obtained from the equipment operator. Provide training in those procedures.**

This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2003 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2002, there were 37 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the fifth fatality classified as powered haulage in 2003. There were 14 powered haulage fatalities in the same period in 2002.

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