

Keeping the Truck Driver in the Cab

While in loading or unloading areas on a quarry property, drivers for customers, contractors, or vendors should stay within the safety of their trucks. A person outside the cab may be exposed to numerous hazards, including mobile equipment, stockpile sloughing, material falling from loader bucket or conveyors, etc.

Best Practices:

- Require drivers to prepare trucks for loading before entering mine site; cleaning bed, checking tires, truck safety inspection, and tarp preparation.
- Inform drivers of general and site specific hazards they may encounter if exiting the vehicle is required.
- Avoid overloading trucks. Designate dump-off areas for drivers to remove excess product.
- After loading, require drivers to pull out of loading area to tarp and trim load.
- Require drivers to use proper ladders and/or fall protection if climbing is necessary.
- Instruct loader operators to halt loading activities if the driver is not in the vehicle.

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