

How To Control Open Pit Traffic

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TOPIC: How To Control Open Pit Traffic

Mine sites are high-activity, congested areas that if not controlled properly can be the cause of serious damage or injury.

Rules of the Road

- Ensure all traffic rules, speed limits, signals and warnings are posted and visible.
- Designate roadways or alternate routes for smaller or light duty vehicles in high-activity areas.
- Design traffic patterns specifically for the reduction of blindside hazards.
- Recognize that mining equipment always has the right of way, except when emergency vehicles are necessary.

Lights

- Always use headlights during daylight hours to increase visibility.
- Ensure that all vehicles entering mining property are equipped with strobe lights.

Stopping or Boarding

- Approach and board on the operator's side.
- When stopping, ensure equipment is in a safe area.
- Use a radio to communicate objectives before boarding, and always wait for a response before continuing.
- Use hand signals and/or eye contact to communicate before boarding, and always wait for a response before continuing to board.

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