

# Mining Fatalities: Still On The Rise In 2015



The recent upward trend in mining fatalities looks, unfortunately, to still be on the rise. Last year, we blogged about a Department of Labor (Mine Safety and Health Administration) report that showed an increase in mining death between 2012 and 2013.

The [numbers for 2014](#) are in, and they show that mining-related deaths held steady at 2013's higher rate. 2015 looks to be even deadlier, as there have already been four fatalities this year; at that rate, 2015 is on pace to have 20% more mining deaths than 2014.

This information should be especially concerning for those in the mining industry in Pennsylvania. Since 2004, Pennsylvania has the third most mining fatalities (27), trailing only West Virginia (120) and Kentucky (82).

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The screenshot shows the website for Martin Law, with the tagline "Working for people who can't." The navigation menu includes Home, The Firm, Attorneys, Materials, Blog, News, Settlements, Equal, Contact Us, and Know Your Rights. A prominent banner offers a "FREE CONSULTATION - CALL OR EMAIL US TODAY" with phone numbers 215-268-7646 and 888-229-6467. A sidebar on the left lists legal services: WORKERS' COMPENSATION, SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY, LONG TERM DISABILITY, and VETERANS BENEFITS. The main content area features a header image of classical columns and a title "FATAL COAL MINING ACCIDENTS INCREASED LAST YEAR". The article text, dated January 28, 2014, reports that fatal accidents in the mining industry increased in 2013, with 40 miners killed, compared to 36 in the previous year. It notes that the increase occurred during the final quarter of 2013 and highlights three coal miners who died in fatal accidents in October. The article concludes by stating that many hazards in the coal mining industry still put miners at risk for suffering a fatal injury, and that accidents involving power hauling equipment and roof falls accounted for the most mining accidents last year.

*This post, added to our blog in January of 2014, discusses the increasing fatality rate for miners.*

*For more on coal-related workplace illnesses and injuries, view our article on Black Lung benefits legislation and our blog post on the 2010 Clairton Coke Works explosion.*

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